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THE SECOND REPORT

OF THE

DEPUTY KEEPER OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS IN IRELAND.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY THE RIGHT HONORABLE EARL
SPENCER, K.G., LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND
GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND.

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

1. On the 12th of February, 1869, I had the honor to submit my first Report of the proceedings had in execution of the "Public Records (Ireland) Act, 1867."

2. The operations in progress at the close of that Report comprised

Operations in progress at close of last Report.

Extern.

a. Preparation for transfer and removal of the Records deposited in the Crown Office of the Court of Queen's Bench.

Intern.

a. The arranging and placing in their repositories, in the Record Treasury, of the collection of documents and deeds which had been removed from the Offices of the Right Honorable Edward Litton, one of the Masters in Chancery.

3. The general character of the Crown Office Collection may be seen from the abstract appended to my First Report. A more detailed account of the contents of the several presses appears by the Report of Messrs. Moloney and McGhee appended hereto. The removal of the collection was effected at the close of January, 1869, with the exception of certain portions comprised in a Certificate of Retainer, given by the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench. These portions were left in the custody of the Clerk of the Crown. Crown Office, Queen's Bench.

4. Places for the documents so retained were reserved in the shelves allotted to the collection in the Record Treasury; and arrangements were made with the Clerk of the Crown for the transcription and issue, here, of such certified copies as might be required during their retainer. Appendix I.

5. The Litton Collection comprised the proceedings in 8,080 causes and matters in Chancery the bulk of which had been Litton Collection.

referred to Masters Litton, Curry, Connor, King, Barroughs, and their several predecessors in office, the residue being a proportion of the collection of Master Henn, which, on the closing of his office, had been distributed among the other Masters. Besides the proceedings incidental to taking Accounts, including Charges, Discharges, Interrogatories, and Depositions in aid, Affidavits, Draft Reports, Exceptions, and other classes of Instruments arising in the progress of causes and matters, this collection comprises a considerable number of original Deeds and Instruments deposited by suitors from time to time, or brought in on subpoena or as Exhibits, and not removed. Some of these are made up in wrappers on which the name of the cause appears; but the greater number have escaped from their packages, and can only be identified as deeds between particular parties.

Original Deeds.

6. These Instruments are considered as private property, and only consultable in like manner as those contained in boxes, on the authority of the Court from which they have come. Appended to Mr. Mills' Report on the Litton Collection, will be found an Index from which parties interested may learn the existence of these muniments which probably have long been regarded as lost or destroyed.

Appendix III.

Ushers of
Chancery Col-
lection.

7. With respect to the Deeds and Documents of a like character from the Collection of the Usher of the Court of Chancery, it appeared to the late Master of the Rolls, that from the length of time elapsed since their deposit, they might be regarded as derelict and open to general inspection. Two volumes of the Ushers' Book, recording deposits between the 5th of February, 1696, and 28th of January, 1835, were found in the Affidavit Office of Chancery, and now form part of the series.

Operations
undertaken
since last
Report.

8. The proceedings undertaken within the present year may also be conveniently summarized under the heads of *Extern* and *Intern*, viz:—

Extern.

a. Preparation for transfer of the Judgment Rolls in the custody of the Master of the Court of Queen's Bench.

b. Preparation for transfer of the several Records, and removal of the Rules Office Collection, in the custody of the Master of the Court of Exchequer, in Exchequer offices.

c. Preparation and removal of the Records deposited in the Rules Office of the Court of Queen's Bench.

d. Preparation and removal of the residue of the Birmingham Tower collection deposited in the Record Tower, Dublin Castle.

e. Preparation and removal of the Deeds Boxes brought from the offices of J. J. Murphy, esq., Master in Chancery.

f. Preparation and removal of the Records deposited in the Examiners' Offices of the Court of Chancery.

g. Preparation and removal of the Records of the Court of Exchequer deposited in the section of the new buildings at the rear of the Four Courts, known as Benchers' Building.

h. Preparation and removal of the Records deposited at the late Landed Estates Record Office, Custom House.

Intern.

- a. Construction of Bays in north-east section of Record Treasury.
- b. Erection of fittings.
- c. Preparation of Chancery Pleadings and Rolls for intern transfer.
- d. Assortment of Inventions-Patents.
- e. Disposal of Duplicate Deeds affecting rights of the Crown.
- f. Preparation and filling of Portfolios.
- g. Preparation of Early Chancery Pleadings for deposit.
- h. Arrangement of Fiants.
- i. Arrangement of Equity Exchequer Decrees.
- k. Indexing and Calendaring.

9. The collection of Judgment Rolls in the offices of the Master of the Court of Queen's Bench has been fully catalogued by entries in its proper Transfer Books, and the several Rolls labelled ready for removal; but the removal has not taken place owing to want of authority occasioned by the vacancy in the office of Master of the Rolls. At the time of the decease of the Right Hon. John Edward Walsh, the necessary order for regulating the access to these Records by the officers charged with the duty of entering satisfactions, &c., thereon, had not received his Honor's signature. Printed proofs of the intended order, framed in analogy to his Honor's order of 17th December, 1868, regulating the proceedings in the case of entering vacates on recognizances in Chancery, had been prepared; but the final approval and promulgation of the order was held over to afford time for the necessary arrangements to be made by the Judges of the Superior Law Courts for the attendance of their officers here in the execution of such duties.

Queen's Bench
Judgment
Rolls.

10. A like enumeration and labelling for removal has been made of the extensive collection in the offices of the Court of Exchequer, situated in the eastern quadrangle of the Four Courts; but partly for the same reason as above stated in reference to the Rolls of the Court of Queen's Bench, and partly from the pressure of more urgent requirements, the process of removal has been confined to the contents of the Rules Office; and further notice of this operation is reserved until the complete removal and re-arrangement of the several parts of the Exchequer collection.

Exchequer
Collection, ex-
clusive of those
in Benchers'
Building.

11. The same objection not applying to the removal of the contents of the Rules Office of the Court of Queen's Bench as to the Judgment Rolls collection, 380 volumes of Rule-Books, and 280 other pieces were removed in the usual manner from the two apartments occupied by the Clerk of the Rules. The final arrangement of these, in like manner, awaits the complete removal of the Queen's Bench Records. I may observe in reference to this and other like operations, where parts only of entire collections have been removed, that in all such cases, the department has been called into action by particular emergencies and unexpected requirements of other offices.

Queen's Bench
Rules Office.

Record Tower,
Dublin Castle.

Appendix V.

12. Under the directions of Sir J. Bernard Burke, to whose Report to the Master of the Rolls I beg leave to refer, a further series of records and documents has been transmitted to this office, from the Record Tower, Dublin Castle. It comprises the valuable collection of Early Plea Rolls of the several superior Courts of Law, and a portion of the Exchequer Roll of the Pipe (being the residue of the Bermingham Tower Records), together with the Population Returns for the year 1821 and part of 1831. The entering, labelling, and destining of these documents was performed by Mr. Barry of the State Paper Branch of this office.

Population and
Agricultural
Returns.

13. These Population Returns are very bulky; and, with the sequel of the Census of 1831 and 1834, and of the several decennial Censuses and annual Agricultural Returns to 1859 inclusive, now occupy more than one-half the entire basement of the Record Treasury. Altogether they weigh not less than sixty tons; and it is difficult to see how provision is to be made for the reception of this class of papers in the future, as there now remain only a few bays in the basement which can be so allocated; and it would be a misapplication of the costly fittings of the Upper Treasury to occupy them with such matter, even if the requirements of legitimate Record accommodation should leave any part of these fittings unoccupied.

Deeds Boxes,
Murphy Col-
lection.

14. The Deeds Boxes under the charge of J. J. Murphy, esq., Master in Chancery, had been temporarily removed from his offices, and deposited in two rooms in the attic story of the Record House. Their removal to the Record Treasury where they are placed in the basement in the Masters' Series, was effected in like manner as was done in the cases of the Brooke and Litton Deeds Boxes. An Index has been formed to them, the locks repaired, and new locks and keys supplied. They are accessible to the parties under like regulations as the Litton and Brooke Boxes.

Examiners'
Offices of
Court of
Chancery.

Appendix VI.

15. The Depositions-in-chief from the year 1573 in causes in the Court of Chancery, and from the year 1823 in causes in the Court of Equity Exchequer, were deposited in five rooms of the southern wing of the eastern quadrangle. They occupied eighty-seven presses, and were in an intermixed order, which rendered their serializing a difficult and tedious operation. The Chancery Depositions are now arranged in bundles for the several terms from 1661 for the Second Examiner's collection, and from 1729 for the Chief Examiner's collection, prior to which dates they are chiefly in yearly bundles, and occupy the whole of one bay. Certain portions of the Equity Exchequer Depositions-in-chief comprehended in the same collection, are in a partial state of arrangement, but will not be placed on their shelves until the process of interpolating the several broken portions of the series shall be completed. To complete the concentration of the entire Records of the Courts of Chancery and Equity Exchequer, it only now remains to remove the documents in the offices of Masters Murphy and Fitzgibbon, and those pertaining to the offices of Chief and Second Remembrancer in the custody of the Master of the Court of Exchequer, which latter are already prepared for removal.

16. The several preceding operations may be regarded as collateral to the main work of the year, consisting of the removal of the Benchers' Building and Custom House collections, both very large undertakings, pressed forward for the purpose of obtaining room for other Departments, and executed to a large extent by labour supplied by the Commissioners of Public Works. The Records so removed are chiefly those of the Court of Exchequer.

Exchequer
Records in
Bencher's
Building.

17. The Court of Exchequer having had the collection and control of the Revenue of the kingdom in addition to its acquired jurisdiction as a Court of Law and Equity, and having also been the original Treasury of the public Records, possesses in its various branches a larger collection of such documents than any other Court or Department.

Exchequer
Records

18. Considerable portions of these collections have from time to time been transferred, some of them into the custody of officers no longer connected with the Court of Exchequer, and others into out-offices, for convenience of room and storage; the residue still remaining in the proper offices of the Court, under the immediate care of the Master, and prepared for removal as above mentioned. The portion first detached consisted of the bulk of the collections of the Auditor-General, Surveyor-General, and Vice-Treasurer, which formed the nucleus of the Custom House collection, to be further referred to below.

dispersed;

those of
Auditor-General,
Surveyor-General,
Vice-Treasurer, &c.,
to Custom
House;

19. There still remained an inconvenient accumulation in the offices and vaults of the Exchequer in the Four Courts Building, and in contemplation of their removal, provision was made for their reception in that part of the new block of buildings at the rear of the Four Courts, called Benchers' Building, from its ground-floor being used for meetings of the Benchers. Six vaults in the basement, and ten vaulted rooms divided by press-partitions, were devoted to this purpose. The vaults and part of the first floor received the overflow of the Law and Revenue sides, which remained under the charge of the Master of the Court; and on the abolition of the Equity side of the Court in 1850, and the transfer of its Records to the corresponding departments of the Court of Chancery, the residue of the first and whole of the second floor were filled with the Pleadings, Depositions, Decrees, and other Documents of the late Equity Exchequer, the charge of which now devolved on the Master of the Rolls.

others to
Bencher's
Building.

Partly in
charge of
Exchequer
Officers,

and partly in
charge of Rolls
Officers.

20. Benchers' Building thus became the depository of three Exchequer collections, two of them (from the Law and Revenue sides) being broken parts of other collections, the residues of which were to be found in the proper offices of the Court and at the Custom House respectively. Hence, until these latter collections shall be reduced into continuous series, which will require extensive interpolation and recasting, no complete Index can be formed; but, as this will be a work of time, and it is of importance to the profession that they should have the means of acquainting themselves with what is now to be found in this office, it has been deemed expedient to include in the Reports of the Assistant Deputy Keeper, lists of these several sets of Records as they have been transferred.

Consequent
broken character
of some of
the series.

Appendix
VII., VIII.

The Equity
Exchequer
Pleadings,

In series from
1648 to 1810.

Appendix IX.

From 1800 to
1850 put into
date-sequence

by ordinary
workmen.

Entire series
now consultable.

See First
Report, No. 34

Appendix
VII., VIII.,
IX.

Removal
effected;

from vaults,

10th March,
1869;

from upper
floors, 8th
July, 1869.

21. The portion under the care of the officers of Chancery was more complete, the series of Pleadings and Decrees being substantially in sequence, the former from 1648 to 1850, and the latter from 1624 to 1843. But their arrangement with a view to their removal was attended with a great amount of labour. The Pleadings lay, as has been described in my First Report, on shelves, as in the Rolls Record Room; but these not having doors or any means of confining the contents in front, it often happened that, owing to changes in the temperature, the parchments slid out of their places, and in replacing them, the sequences of date were not unfrequently deranged, and the clue to the documents practically lost. Besides, the serializing in complete consecutive order of dates, had only been carried out at the time of their deposit, from 1648 to 1800, and from 1839 to 1850. The Pleadings for the remaining forty years had only been cast into heaps of years without subordinate arrangement, so that in making up the collection into portable bundles for transfer, it was necessary to examine the sequence of dates in all, and to arrange it fully for the first time in those of the forty years from 1800 to 1839, inclusive.

22. This labour occupied sometimes as many as eight persons under the superintendence of Mr. Tucker, from Christmas 1868 to May, 1869. The hands employed were ordinary workmen of the Board of Works who, from their engagement in similar operations during the previous year, had acquired an aptitude, remarkable in men of their class, for this kind of occupation.

23. The series is now deposited here in complete consultable order, but under the same disadvantages as attended the deposit of the Pleadings of the Court of Chancery. The process, however, of transferring the latter into their final receptacles—to be adverted to more fully under the head of intern arrangement—has now begun, and the Exchequer Pleadings will, in their turn, undergo the same treatment.

24. The general arrangement and removal of the Benchers' Building collection was conducted by the Assistant Deputy Keeper, Mr. La Touche, who has made careful preparation for the reception of the different outlying portions into their proper places in the several series. I beg leave to refer to Mr. La Touche's Reports.

25. In bulk and weight this collection was nearly equal to that of the Rolls. That portion of it deposited on the upper floors was removed by an inclined plane or "shoot" from the first floor at the rear of the building, without any interference with the resort of suitors to the adjoining Courts.

26. The vaults were placed at the disposal of the Landed Estates Court for the reception of their Deeds Boxes, with which the basement of their building, about equal in area to that of the Record Treasury, had become overcrowded, early in the month of March.

27. The entire operation, with such interruptions as I have mentioned, was completed on the 8th of July, 1869, at which time it had been notified to me by the then Master of the Rolls that the Benchers would require possession of the upper portions of the building.

28. The Landed Estates Record Office was established in 1832, in the central block of the western façade of the Custom House. The ground-floor and mezzanine story of this part of the building are arched constructions, originally designed and fitted up with presses for Record purposes. Above these, part of the first floor and the whole of an attic extending the entire length and breadth of the building, were also fitted up with presses, being 377 in all. These were found closely packed with Books, Rolls, and Documents. The principal bulk consisted of Census and Agricultural Returns, which occupied the attic and part of the basement. Next in bulk to these were the more valuable records of the Auditor-General, Surveyor-General, Clerk of the Forfeitures, and Vice-Treasurer, arranged in the presses of the mezzanine and basement; and interspersed throughout the rooms were other minor, but still considerable, collections which had been brought in from time to time as particular offices and departments had occasion for increased room.

its general nature and extent.

29. There was no Press Catalogue; nor was any Inventory, save the Irish Record Commissioners' printed Catalogues of the Auditors and Surveyor General's collections as they existed in their former places of deposit, previous to 1820, known to me when I received possession. The knowledge necessary for satisfying the ordinary demands on the office did not require an acquaintance with more than the contents of a comparatively small number of presses in which the Maps and Crown Rentals of more frequent reference were deposited. It was not until the process of removal was approaching a conclusion that several detached Registers of particular parts of the collection, formed by Mr. Hardinge, were found. Under these circumstances Mr. Overend had been charged with the duty of entering in a Transfer Book the contents of each shelf in consecutive order, giving such descriptions as the Records might yield on examination, or as could be collected from the information supplied by Mr. Day. This work was performed in a satisfactory manner by Mr. Overend, throughout the mezzanine and greater part of the basement story, and was afterwards completed for the residue of the presses. It now constitutes a General Catalogue of the Landed Estates Record Office Collection; and enlarged as it has been in some particulars, affords the means of identifying the former place, by press and shelf, of each piece removed, in convenient, though still far from complete, detail.

No General Inventory.

Registers of detached portions prepared by Mr. Hardinge.

Proceedings to form a Press Catalogue.

30. This General Inventory having been formed, so as to secure a basis for the operation of removal, the current business of the branch was left to be carried on in the usual manner, until it should be determined how the former practice should be dealt with after the removal of the collection to the Public Record Office. The duties prescribed by the Act for the Deputy Keeper embraced only the keeping and giving certified copies of Records; the making of searches respecting title, either for the Crown or the subject, did not appear to be any part of these duties, still less the making of entries or enrolments as of record, or the keeping-up of the particulars of Crown Rentals, which had formed the staple occupation of the Landed Estates Record Office up to that time, and

Former practice of Landed Estates Record Office,

in certain particulars,

with which the Master of the Rolls did not deem it necessary to interfere as long as the collection remained in its then repository.

altered with
sanction of the
Lords of the
Treasury.
Appendix X.

31. These considerations having been laid by me before the late Master of the Rolls, by letter dated 29th January, 1869, His Honor was pleased to give his written opinion and instructions in accordance with which, the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury were pleased to sanction the discontinuance of the services in question, after the Records should be removed, on the understanding, that all reasonable facilities and assistance should be afforded to inquirers at this office.

Removal
commenced,
28th May,
1869.

32. On the 20th May, 1869, I began the removal of the Census papers in the attic, being that part of the collection which seemed least likely to be inquired after; but there being as yet no proper place provided here, for the reception of the Officers of the Quit-Rent Office, I deferred proceeding with the other portions, until a suitable apartment should be provided for them, and adequate arrangements made for the maps and books requiring special fittings.

Preparation
made for con-
ducting
inquiries of
Quit-Rent
Department
at Public
Record Office.

33. The removal of the Vice-Chancellor and his Staff from the Record house to the new Court and Offices, constructed on the site of the old Rolls Record Rooms, having enabled me in the month of October, to provide rooms for the transaction of the Quit-Rent Office searching business, I caused the Down Survey Maps, the Maps of the 1688 Forfeitures, the Books of Survey and Distribution, the Crown Rentals and Receipt Books, and other Records of more frequent reference to be removed.

Contemplated
arrangements
for gradual
change of
practice.

34. It was not supposed that the former course of business, to the extent at least of aiding in the searches, could be at once discontinued; or that parties should be expected, without some practice and experience, to become their own Record agents; and it was intended that the chief occupation of Mr. Day, the officer in charge at the Custom House, should for some time, continue to be that of assistant to the public here, in those particular researches with which he had become familiar, by a practice of over thirty years. It had been a primary rule of the Department, from its foundation, not to suffer the office to be dependent on the special knowledge of any individual; and it was expected that, as soon as these operations should begin to be conducted in the face of the Department, every thing intricate in manipulation, or difficult of explanation, would disappear. These expectations were, for a time, frustrated by the death of Mr. Day, which took place on the 31st of October, 1869.

Death of Mr.
Day.

Steps taken to
remove consequent
difficulty
in use of
Custom House
Books of
Reference.

35. The officers who had been placed from time to time at the Custom House, had only partly learned the methods of following the different classes of title to their roots, through the medium of these implements of reference. In this difficulty no time was lost in subjecting the Books and Maps in question, to a systematic examination, with a view to discover the clue by which, in each case, the title might be traced back to its particular source. The possession of the Indexes, and Calendars of the Rolls of Chancery, on which the same titles were regularly enrolled, afforded the means of checking and verifying the investigation.

36. It may here be observed that, independently of the Rolls and other Records necessary to be consulted in searching for roots of titles having never been brought into one place, (an important portion being still in the charge of the Master of the Court of Exchequer), the indexes to the several series are voluminous, and not less than fifty in number; and no method exists by which the inquirer, ignorant of everything but the name and situation of the lands, as is usually the case, can guide himself *a priori* to the particular index which he should consult; whereas, at the Landed Estates Record Office, means had always existed of determining, at an early period of the search, the class of instruments amongst which the lands, and a reference to the primary assurance under which they were held, would probably be found. Hence had arisen the preference naturally given by the legal profession to that office in which their inquiries could be satisfied by the more ready means of reference, as well as by the performance for them of record-agency services at the public expense. Hence also an urgent necessity for the extrication of this office from the embarrassment thus unexpectedly arising on the loss of Mr. Day's services.

Facilities for inquiries as to roots of titles in these books.

37. By a diligent course of comparison and verification, it has been ascertained, that the search machinery of the Landed Estates Record Office can be effectually worked through certain methods of reference, indicated in some cases by symbols contained in the Books of Survey and Distribution, and in other by marginal notes, found in particular volumes of the Crown Rentals. The methods of searching, as well by these maps and books as by the Records Commissioners' Indexes, is now sufficiently known to enable the public, with such aid as their other avocations will enable the officers to give, to make their own searches, in default of a competent class of Record Agents being called into existence here, as in London.

Difficulty removed.

Means of reference to the several sources of title.

38. The work of removal proceeded during the winter with increased activity. Some of the presses, the contents of which seemed to require a more detailed examination than they had received in the original Transfer Book, underwent a new process of cataloguing and labelling, and the discovery of the volumes of Registers which had been prepared by Mr. Hardinge enabled the officers to check and identify the more important accretions since the year 1832.

Inventories to Custom House collection extended.

39. There remained however a considerable number of presses of miscellaneous Customs and Exchequer documents, which could not, within the time at our disposal, be put into any kind of arrangement. These were packed in sacks, and placed with other collections of a like character, in the roof of the Treasury.

Contents of some presses still undescribed.

40. It being desirable to put an end to the cost and inconvenience of two separate establishments before the conclusion of the year, the extern workmen were encouraged to increased exertions, by small additions to their wages, through the three weeks ending the 31st of December, 1869; and on the 30th of December. I had the satisfaction to deliver over the Landed Estates Record Build-

Removal
completed,
30th December,
1869.
Appendix XJ.

ing, completely emptied of its contents, to the Architect of the Board of Works. Space has thus been obtained for the Records of other public offices at the Custom House, and for the reception of Department heretofore occupying premises in the city at a rent.

41. The removal was effected by "floats" and covered waggons, according to the weather. The weight of the whole may be estimated by the number of loads delivered, viz. :—

Gross weight, 162 tons.	88 "float" loads,	} average 30 cwt. = 169 tons.
	25 waggon loads,	

It is expedient that this great collection should undergo a thorough analysis, for which the means to some extent, are supplied by the labours of Mr. Hardinge; but such an undertaking could not be satisfactorily accomplished, in time to form part of this Report.

New practice
as regards
Quit and
Crown Rents.

42. Arrangements have been made for receiving, depositing, and keeping a proper Register of the several Deeds and books from time to time transmitted for preservation from the department of Woods and Forests; but, in pursuance of the direction of the late Master of the Rolls, the practice of making memoranda of purchases of Quit-rents, &c., on the Crown Rentals has been discontinued, as also has the practice of making enrolments of grants of offices. The existing machinery enables this office to give a certified copy of the state of any Crown-rent at the end of 1869, and of so much as may be required of any Deed affecting such rent subsequently transmitted to this office for preservation.

43. The general nature and extent of the collection which, during the year 1869, has been removed to, and placed in consultable order in the Record Treasury, will appear from the following table. The pieces are generally of a larger size than those deposited last year, most of them being made up with a view to more distant transport; and will to a considerable extent, have to undergo subordinate classification and labelling hereafter.

Former Repository.	Classes of Documents.	Number of Pieces.
COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH : Crown Office.	Enrolments of Indictments, &c., bundles,	43
	Writs, "	37
	Indictments, "	85
	Plea Rolls, rolls,	139
	Certioraris, &c., . . . bundles,	19
	Affidavits, "	93
	Presentments—City and County of Dublin, "	158
	(From Commission Court.)	
	Indictments, Pardons, &c., . . . "	123
	Miscellaneous, "	65

Former Repository.	Classes of Documents.	Number of Pieces.
COURT OF CHANCERY : Litton Collection.	Cause Papers, bundles, Deeds, parcels of, and separate, .	8,080 520
COURT OF EXCHEQUER : Rules Office.	Law Rule Books, vols. Court Books, " " Office Books, " " Revenue Rule Books, " " Documents relating to Admission of Attorneys, . . bundles, Lists of Attorneys, vols. Attorneys' Petitions, . . bundles, Judges' Reports and Collectors' Certificates, " " Briefs, " " Miscellaneous, " "	380 40 28 39 61 17 21 25 16 33
COURT OF QUEEN'S BENCH : Rules Office.	Rule Books, vols. Court Books, " " Office Rule Books, " " Judges' Reports and Collectors' Certificates, bundles, Fiats (Judges'), " " Demurrer Books, " " Miscellaneous Documents, "	277 264 167 30 49 10 44
CHANCERY : Murphy Collection.	Deed Boxes,	351
Examiners' Offices,	Depositions (Chief Examiner), bundles, Orders for Publication, " Miscellaneous, " " Depositions (Second Examiner), " Miscellaneous, " " Depositions (Equity Exchequer), "	587 13 18 321 45 125
BENCHERS' BUILDING, .	<i>Equity Exchequer.</i> Appearance Books, vols. Attachment Books, " " Note or Rule Books, " " Hearing Books, " " Draft Hearing Books, " " Rough and Motion Books, " Commission and Subpoena Books, " Order Books, " " Bills and Answers, bundles, Decrees, " " Decree Rolls, rolls, Depositions in chief, bundles, Depositions in aid, " " Consents, " "	60 110 428 79 112 99 117 36 2,870 154 62 379 80 57

Former Repository.	Classes of Documents.	Number of Pieces.
BENCHES' BUILDING— <i>continued.</i>	Submissions, . . . bundles,	16
	Awards, . . . "	13
	Ch. Rems. Reports, . . . "	37
	Certificates, . . . "	17
	Notices of Motion, . . . "	18
	Petitions, . . . "	26
	Petitions for Receiver, . . . "	14
	Orders, . . . "	34
	Reports of Sale, . . . "	14
	Miscellaneous, . . . "	56
	" Books, . . . vols.	23
	<i>Revenue Exchequer.</i>	
	Affidavits, . . . bundles,	173
	Bonds and Assignments, . . . "	22
	Comptrollers' Process to Sheriffs, "	72
	" " to Treasurers, "	18
	Consts of Fines, . . . "	23
	Sealed Custodians, . . . "	236
	Estreats of Outlawries, &c., . . . "	50
	Great Rolls of the Pipe, . . . rolls,	95
	High Sheriffs' Recognizances, bundles,	10
	Writs of Injunction, &c. . . "	63
	Interrogatories and Depositions, "	35
	Nils, . . . "	53
	Notices and Affidavits, . . . "	22
	Orders, . . . "	147
	Petitions, . . . "	114
	Port Books, . . . vols.	35
	Schedules of Nils, . . . bundles,	98
	Sheriffs' Tots, . . . "	96
	Summonsters' Process, . . . "	63
	Tithe Schedules, . . . "	177
	Tr. Rems. Process, . . . "	84
	Custodiam Orders, . . . "	112
	Attachments, . . . "	56
	Assistance Schedules, . . . "	22
	Estreats, . . . "	24
	Custodiam Rolls, . . . rolls,	15
	Informations and Answers, bundles,	71
	Leases, . . . "	11
	Sheriffs' Accounts, . . . "	10
	Exannals, . . . "	27
	Rule Books, . . . vols.	67
	Absolute Order Books, . . . "	94
	Injunction Order Books, . . . "	18
	Conditional Order Books, . . . "	24
	Pipe Order Books, . . . "	42
	Custodiam Order Books, . . . "	33
	Pipe Custodiam Order Books, . . . "	26

Former Repository.	Classes of Documents.	Number of Pieces.
BENCHERS' BUILDING— <i>continued.</i>	Custodians, vols.	36
	Custodian Enrolments, "	12
	Books of Orders (<i>Ex parte Rem.</i>), "	66
	Comptroller's Books, Dublin, "	16
	Miscellaneous, bundles,	519
	" Books, "	115
	<i>Law Exchequer.</i>	
	Judgments on Confession, bundles,	35
	" in Ejectment, "	11
	" on Sci. Fa., "	89
	Affidavits (Common), "	74
	" in Ejectment, "	111
	Capi's, "	39
	Records issued, &c., "	16
	Pleadings and Declarations, "	32
Vaults.	Judgments (Miscellaneous), "	25
	Postea, "	16
	Miscellaneous, "	54
	<i>Law Exchequer.</i>	
	Affidavits (Common), bundles,	273
	" of Contempt, "	116
	" in Ejectment, "	243
	" Service of Capias, "	17
	" Service of Rules for Judgment, "	13
	" Service of Subpoena, "	16
	Broken Filings, "	313
	Certificates Plaintiffs' Debt, "	13
	Cognovits, "	216
	Declarations, "	193
	Ejectments, "	135
	Inquisitions, "	47
	Judgments on Confession, "	113
	" by Default, "	23
	" in Ejectment, "	127
	" on Inquisition, "	118
	" on Nil Dicit, "	200
	" on Postea, "	52
	" on Postea and Inquisition, "	37
	" on Sci. Fa., "	111
	Nil Dicits, "	11
	Nil Sci. Fa., "	11
	Non Ests, "	81
	Pleadings, "	171
	Postea, "	73
	Second Declarations, "	11
	Venires, "	41

Former Repository.	Classes of Documents.	Number of Pieces.
BENCHERS' BUILDING— Vaults—continued.	Warrants of Attorney, . . . bundles,	31
	Writs, "	13
	Miscellaneous, "	88
CUSTOM HOUSE,	Vouchers for Ex. Accs., . . . bundles,	543
	Agricultural Returns and Statistics, . . . bundles,	600
	Imprest Accounts sacks,	119
	Census Papers, bundles,	1,560
	Ordnance Survey (Portfolios), . . vols.	47
	Crown Rentals, "	134
	Rent Roll Books, "	43
	Composition Rents, "	22
	Forfeitures (1688), "	205
	Quit and Crown Rents, "	365
	Books of Survey, "	103
	Value of Lands, various Counties in Ireland, vols.	43
	Reports and Schedules, "	35
	Down Survey and Vallancy Maps, "	39
	Patents (Book enrolment of), "	79
	Dup. Conveyances of Crown Rents, "	40
	Assignments of Power of Attorney, "	41
	King's Letters, "	46
	Exchequer Orders, "	20
	Crown Rent Receipt Books, "	228
	Rolls (Pipe, &c.), bundles,	1,340
	Twopenny Books (4,741 vols.), "	314
	Incumbrance Rolls, "	140
	Office Books, vols.	108
	Statutes (260 vols.), bundles,	40
	Relief Commissioners (207 vols.), bundles,	30
	First Fruits (223 rolls, portfolios, &c.), bundles,	36
	Customs Deeds, "	23
	Parliamentary Reports (1,717 vols.), bundles,	168
	Cash Books (291 vols.), "	48
	Life Annuity Books (793 vols.), "	46
	Ledgers (240 vols.), "	76
	Loan and Interest Books (342 vols.), bundles,	71
	Ex. and An. Rolls (628 rolls), "	173
	Customs and Port Accounts, "	1,210
	Indexes, vols.	45
	Miscellaneous (455 sacks, 4,166 vols., rolls, &c.), bundles,	851
	Total,	33,363

Intern Operations.

44. The twenty-four bays at the north-east end of the Record Treasury which, at the date of my last Report, were in process of construction, have been made ready for the reception of their final fittings; and in five of them those fittings have been set up. As, however, the distances of the fittings both vertical and horizontal, vary with the nature of the Records deposited; and the process of depositing the Chancery Rolls and Pleadings, with which the intern arrangements have commenced, is (and during the progress of extern operations will continue to be) slow, it has not been deemed advisable to allow the adjustment of the fittings to outrun the preparation for deposit of the Records destined for them.

Fittings set up
part press with
deposit of
Records.

45. In designing these details regard has been had to a variety of considerations which give to the undertaking a somewhat complex character. As explained in my First Report, the floors and partitions of the bays have been constructed in iron. To carry out this fireproof construction into the detail of the fittings, and yet keep the contents from contact with the metal, was a primary condition to be observed in any endeavour to improve on the system of wooden shelving.

Conditions re-
garded in
designing the
Fittings:

- I. Security against fire.
- II. Non-contact of Records with iron.

46. All arrangements of fixed shelving of whatever material were liable to the objection that if the pieces were to be arranged so as to secure the accessibility of each without disturbing any other, the shelves, no matter how deep, could only be utilized to the extent of their frontage. On this account, from one-half to two-thirds of the space provided in the original design for the reception of Records, was practically lost; so that it became another element in any new arrangement, to devise such a disposition of the pieces as would at once occupy the whole depth of the receptacles, and yet leave each piece capable of being abstracted without disturbance of any other.

III. Separate
accessibility of
each piece.

47. It had also been observed that the effects of sunlight and air on the pleadings temporarily deposited in the western bays were even more injurious than their contact with the iron fittings. The parchments so exposed lost their suppleness, and showed a tendency to become spotted. The same observation as regards loss of suppleness had been made in respect to the parchments kept in open shelves in Benchers' Building. These, as compared with the Chancery Pleadings, kept in close presses, were known to be distinguishable by their inferior strength and toughness. On this mischief declaring itself, blinds were adapted to the western windows, by which excesses of heat and light are excluded save during the time of searching. This experience suggested as a further object to be aimed at in the new arrangement that the receptacles should be as deep, and so, as far removed from the glare of light, as might be compatible with sufficient floor space.

IV. Economy
of space.

V. Removal of
Parchments
from excess of
light and air.

48. These conditions have been substantially fulfilled in the tray system adopted for the large mass of Rolls, Pleadings, and other unbound documents. The trays employed are open frames of "angle" iron, one flange of which forms a ledge sustaining cross-supports, on which the contents are suspended. These trays slide on horizontal iron bearers disposed at regular vertical

Required con-
ditions met by
the system of
Tray Fittings
described.

distances between iron uprights. To protect the parchments from injurious contact, the sides of the tray are fitted with a light shoeing of wood, which also serves to make the tray slide in and out more smoothly. This and the cross-bearers supporting the documents, which do not exceed one-tenth of an inch in thickness, are the only inflammable materials employed, and are so enveloped in non-combustible substances, and so insignificant in quantity, that no flame proceeding from their combustion could reach the fittings of the trays next above. The disposition of the pieces across the trays secures their several accessibility; it being only necessary to draw the tray out to such a distance as will bring the piece required to the front, when it can be picked out and returned without interfering with any other; and the trays being four feet in depth, and arranged in double blocks abutting on the wall-spaces between the windows, are removed from direct light and from sudden changes of temperature.

Trays four feet
in depth.

49. When the document required occupies a place in the anterior part of the tray, the operation of searching is facile; but when, to get at the piece required, the tray has to be drawn out past its balancing point, a supplemental appliance becomes necessary to sustain the weight, which in the case of Chancery Pleadings is not less on an average than 130 lbs. per tray. Several designs for this purpose having been tried, the preference has been given to an apparatus which traverses the floor lengthwise, and being brought opposite the tray required to be drawn, receives it on corresponding bearers, and sustains it while the workman makes his search.

Apparatus for
sustaining
Trays during
search.

Mode of deposit
in Trays.

50. The parchment Pleadings are made up in "books" or *fasciculi* folded over their supports, to which they are attached by bands carrying their labels. They are arranged in consecutive chronological series, so that the date of any Pleading being known from the Bill Book, the "book" containing the documents of that day can at once be found. The "book" being then laid open, the particular document is withdrawn, and an accountable docket being inserted under the band, the "book" and tray are returned to their receptacle.

Extent to
which space
economized.

51. The average number of such "books" to a tray is fifty; and the extent to which this close method of packing economizes space may be judged of from the fact that the whole collection of Chancery Pleadings which in the Rolls Record Room and adjoining apartments occupied an area of about 60,000 cubic feet will, it is calculated, fit into six bays containing about 20,000 cubic feet of the new construction.

The system
new in prin-
ciple and detail.

52. It has been thought proper thus fully to describe the fittings and apparatus in use in this office, inasmuch as while they answer the requirements of Record deposit and of economy of space in a high degree, they are altogether new in principle and in detail, and may, perhaps, usefully attract the attention of those occupied in similar undertakings elsewhere. They have been adopted here, not from any desire to introduce novelties of construction or of arrangement, but as the natural, and, indeed, necessary, complement of the great divisions and general fire-proof design of the building as it came into my hands.

53. The order in which the Chancery Pleadings came from the Rolls Record Room, viz., in alternate lots of Bills and Answers, was carefully preserved in their original deposit in the Record Treasury. But in casting the Transfer Books of this part of the collection into the form of a General Index, it was found more convenient, while preserving the place-references, to re-arrange the subject-matter in such manner as that all the Bills should constitute one series, and all the Answers another. In the internal transfer of these Pleadings from their first place of deposit to the fittings prepared for their final reception the same principle has been adopted; and while the Bills of each year have been left in their original places, the process has begun of casting the several sets of Answers into one continuous date-series as part of their preparation for being placed in their trays. When all the Answers shall have been placed, the same process will be adopted with the Bills. In both it has been found necessary to begin at the latest date and work backward, so as to ensure the completion of the arrangement within a definite space.

Preparation of the Chancery Pleadings for intern transfer.

Recast into continuous series of Bills and Answers.

54. In the progress of these arrangements an opportunity presented itself for further simplifying the means of reference, and bringing the Chancery Pleadings into the same state of complete chronological sequence as those of the Equity Exchequer. These latter, as they left their shelves in Benchers' Building ran in a continuous order from 1684 to 1850. The Chancery Pleadings, during the earlier and later portions of the period covered by them, ran in a like sequence; but, for the space of one hundred and ten years, from 1726 to 1837, the sequence of each year was broken up into as many subordinate sequences of date as there were Six Clerks, the pleadings of each Six-Clerk being filed separately. The name of the Six-Clerk, although forming a necessary item in the search docket so long as this divided mode of deposit continues, adds nothing to the necessary search-indications when all are merged in a continuous date-series. As the process of making up the "books" was carried back towards the part of the collection affected by the Six-Clerks' practice, it was considered desirable that these subdivisions of the Pleadings for the one hundred and ten years in question should be broken up and thrown into continuous date-series. This has been the most extensive and critical operation undertaken within the Record office. At the close of the year it had been effected from 1837 to 1797. It has been attended with the incidental advantage of detecting and rectifying a considerable number of misplacements. A new key connecting the old books of reference with the present places of deposit has been completed *pari passu* with the Intern Transfer.

Further recast so as to eliminate the references to names of Six Clerks.

Misplacements rectified.

55. The number of Pleadings-Books or *fasciculi* which at the close of the year were placed, or were ready for being placed, in their trays, was 2,135, comprising the Answers of three years and the Bills of ten years. The number of trays prepared for pleadings was one hundred and thirty-four. The whole process has demanded constant and systematic supervision, and has been so far carried out without confusion, although from time to time interrupted by Extern Requirements.

Extent of preparation.

Preparation of
Rolls of
Chancery.

Ribbon Rolls.

Book Rolls.

Extent of
preparation.

The Tray system
applicable
to other classes
of Records.

Inventions
Patents'
Collection.

First Report,
No. 30.

Cost of
binding the
unbound
arrangs of

Will be dis-
posed with in
future by de-
posit in Trays.

Duplicate
Deeds affecting
rights of the
Crown
treated in like
manner.

56. The preparation of the Rolls of Chancery for deposit in their trays consists in the attachment or introduction of axes or bearers. The Rolls are of two kinds: Ribbon Rolls, in which the membranes are attached to one another successively, so as to form a continuous band or ribbon; and Book Rolls, in which all the membranes are stitched together at the top like the leaves of a book which opens end-wise. All the modern Rolls are made up in this latter form, as affording superior facility of reference; but the Book Roll, when it exceeds six inches in diameter, will not fold concentrically, and it may here be observed that the Decree Rolls of the Court of Equity Exchequer and the modern Judgment Rolls of the Courts of Common Law are also made up book-wise, and from their great size (some of them being nearly two feet in diameter) are excessively unwieldy, and cannot be deposited without great waste of space unless by subdividing and remaking them. It has not been found necessary to divide more than a few of the Book Rolls of Chancery; but their tendency to fold out of centre has necessitated the employment of a particular form of bearer the extremities of which are co-centric to the axis. Of these 359 were prepared, and 239 attached to the Rolls at the end of the year. The remainder of the Chancery Rolls, being of the Ribbon kind, will be mounted with comparative facility. Forty-six trays have been prepared for the reception of Chancery Rolls. The extent to which space is so economized may be judged of from the fact that each tray, occupying the frontage of a single Roll, contains on an average seven Rolls in depth.

57. The same principle of arrangement in trays is applicable to a great variety of other matters besides Rolls and Pleadings. Wherever the documents can be folded into *fasciculi* of uniform size, the principle applies. The Inventions Patents' Collection is an example. When brought from the Rolls office there was an arrear of four years unarranged, and six years unbound sheets. By permission of the Lords of the Treasury a special clerk was employed to arrange these for the bookbinder; and the services of a bookbinder having been obtained from the Stationery Office, 234 volumes of Specifications, and 101 volumes of illustrative Drawings were bound and in process of binding at the close of the year. Since the last sheets were prepared for the binder the success of the method of deposit employed for the Chancery Pleadings has induced the idea of making up the Inventions-Papers as they arrive in similar *fasciculi*, and depositing them unbound in receptacles of the same description; and a considerable number of such *fasciculi* are already so placed in consultable order, with like economy of space, and at a comparatively nominal cost.

58. Another class of instruments which it is proposed should be preserved in like manner are the duplicate conveyances of Quit and Crown Rents and Licences, Leases, &c., from the Crown which are sent to this office for preservation. The volumes into which these instruments have hitherto been collected are of inconvenient size, and afford no additional security or convenience of reference to compensate the expense of binding.

59. The process of placing the bundles of Petitions, Reports, ^{Preparation and filing of} ^{Portfolios.} &c., from the office of the Registrar of the Court of Chancery in portfolios has been continued in the intervals of the more pressing duties. At the close of the year 186 bundles of Reports and 55 bundles of Receivers' Accounts, had been placed in portfolios. The pattern of portfolio adopted is an adaptation of that which is commonly in use on the Continent, with a diminution in the number, and an improved adjustment, of the fastenings.

60. Some progress has been made in cleaning and flattening the early Chancery Pleadings, for which no Bill Books exist. There are 149 bundles which will have to undergo this process, and for which Bill Books or other Indexes will be required, before they can be said to be consultable. The Pleadings for the year 1619, have been so prepared in the intervals of Mr. Tucker's other engagements. He has also carried forward the arrangement of the Fiants from No. 1, Henry VIII., to No. 274 of Philip and Mary, being 2,044 Fiants in seven portfolios.

61. By the removal of the Vice-Chancellor and his staff to the new Court and offices in the old Rolls Record Building, the whole of the Record House here was placed at the disposal of this department early in September, 1869. Fittings for the Public Search Room had been prepared before the arrangement for devoting that apartment temporarily to the Vice-Chancellor's use was contemplated. These were re-erected, and the Search Room made ready for the reception of the public early in Michaelmas Term.

62. Steps have been taken to make one of the rooms of the ground floor, opening on the Search Room, fireproof, by the introduction of a concrete ceiling, so that the more important Bill Books and Indexes, of which no duplicates exist, may be at all times free from danger of any fire originating in the Record House. A redistribution of the Officers' apartments at the same time took place, by which space has been afforded for the conversion of two rooms in the eastern wing (one of them being over the safe) into a laboratory and Foreman's work-room, through which private access can be had to the Treasury by a stair constructed in the open space between it and the Record House. Care has been taken that the construction of this stair shall not interfere with the isolation of the Treasury.

63. The Secretary's offices which, during the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, were in the attic, have been removed to the first floor of the western wing. A particular apartment has here been provided for the Master of the Rolls; and in another the nucleus has been formed of a Library.

64. The progress made to the end of the year 1869, as well in filling the receptacles originally provided in the Record Treasury as in the construction of the new hays, and erection of fittings, will appear from the subjoined tabular epitome, which may be regarded as representing a longitudinal section of the building. The basement corridor (not shown on the corresponding table of last year, as being then vacant) is indicated in plan, between the sectional elevations of the sides. The work of 1869 is shown in red, as distinguished from that of 1868, in black ink.

Preparation of early Chancery Pleadings for deposit.

Allocation of apartments in Record House.

Public Search Room opened Michaelmas, 1869.

Fire-proof Index-Room being constructed;

with Laboratory and Workshop in Eastern wing.

Secretary's Department, &c., in Western wing.

Present state of Record Treasury.

65. The fees received in the Search and Transcribing Department of the office here during the past year amount to £311 6s. The details of the work appear by the annexed Table, the charges at 1s. per folio indicating the transcription of documents of dates prior to the reign of George III.

FEEs RECEIVED in the YEAR to 31st DECEMBER, 1869.

Date.	Inspections.	Folios at 1s.	Folios at 6d.	—	—
				£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January, . .	24	—	—	1 4 0	
—	—	134	—	6 14 0	
—	—	—	541	13 10 6	21 8 6
February, . .	36	—	—	1 16 0	
—	—	74	—	3 14 0	
—	—	—	304	7 12 0	18 2 0
March, . .	18	—	—	0 18 0	
—	—	220	—	11 0 0	
—	—	—	767	19 3 6	31 1 6
April, . .	26	—	—	1 6 0	
—	—	—	—	—	
—	—	—	338	8 9 0	9 15 0
May, . .	24	—	—	1 4 0	
—	—	88	—	1 18 0	
—	—	—	505	12 12 6	15 14 6
June, . .	40	—	—	2 0 0	
—	—	45	—	2 5 0	
—	—	—	716	17 18 0	22 3 0
July, . .	35	—	—	1 15 0	
—	—	1,078	—	53 18 0	
—	—	—	183	4 11 6	60 4 6
August, . .	22	—	—	1 2 0	
—	—	392	—	10 12 0	
—	—	—	146	3 13 0	24 7 0
September, .	17	—	—	0 17 0	
—	—	481	—	24 1 0	
—	—	—	131	3 5 6	28 3 6
October, . .	16	—	—	0 16 0	
—	—	79	—	3 19 0	
—	—	—	1,072	26 16 0	31 11 0
November, .	80	—	—	1 10 0	
—	—	304	—	15 4 0	
—	—	—	777	19 8 6	36 2 6
December, .	17	—	—	0 17 0	
—	—	62	—	3 2 0	
—	—	—	548	13 14 0	17 13 0
	305	2,907	6,208	—	£311 6 0

The Fees at the Custom-house branch for the same period amount to £45 17s. 2d.

CUSTOM-HOUSE BRANCH—FEES.

Date.	Constable.	Searches.	Copies.	Traces.	—
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
January, . . .	1 5 0	1 16 0	1 12 0	0 10 0	5 5 0
February, . . .	2 8 4	1 12 0	0 10 0	0 15 0	5 5 4
March, . . .	5 7 4	0 12 0	0 9 6	—	6 9 0
April, . . .	2 12 4	3 6 0	1 6 0	1 5 0	7 11 4
May, . . .	2 8 0	0 1 0	1 8 0	—	3 17 0
June, . . .	0 10 0	1 1 0	1 0 0	—	2 11 0
July, . . .	0 5 0	0 7 0	1 5 0	0 10 0	2 7 0
August, . . .	—	0 8 0	5 3 0	1 0 0	6 6 0
September, . . .	1 10 0	0 11 0	1 0 0	1 12 6	4 19 6
October, . . .	1 10 0	0 2 0	—	—	1 12 0
Total, . . .					£ 45 17 2

The total of the Fees at both offices amounts to £357 3s. 2d., from which, deducting £15 5s. for inspections, it will be seen that for attested copies the amount received at both offices during the year is £341 18s. 2d.

66. Of this amount, £145 7s. 0d. is in respect of ancient copy transcribed at this office. The copies of this class extend from the 13 Richard II. to end of George II. Notwithstanding that the time of the junior officers has been to a great extent engrossed by extern duties, they have become sufficiently skilled in Record-reading to be capable, with occasional assistance, of transcribing all documents which have hitherto been called for.

67. In addition to the work represented by the above sum, the following business was, during the same period, transacted at the Custom-house branch for Public Departments:—

Month.	Reports.	Searches.	Maps exhibited for Trading.	Discharging Bents from Records.	Entering Patents and other Appointments.	Certificates in duplicate.
January, . . .	7	20	16	1	7	14
February, . . .	12	41	7	—	—	—
March, . . .	3	6	9	—	—	—
April, . . .	8	5	14	—	—	—
May, . . .	6	3	6	—	—	—
June, . . .	2	3	4	1	1	2
July, . . .	6	9	7	—	—	—
August, . . .	—	67	8	—	2	4
September, . . .	5	13	11	—	—	—
October, . . .	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total, . . .	50	168	82	2	10	20

Indexing and Calendaring Operations.

In Index and
Calendars.
Equity
Exchequer
Decrees.

68. Besides the several Indexes referred to in the previous paragraphs of this Report, a draft Index has been made to the Equity Exchequer Decrees from the year 1624 to 1850, in the names of their causes, arranged alphabetically for each year. The Decrees themselves have been numbered according to their years, cleaned, pressed, flattened, and tied up in convenient-sized bundles for portfolios. This Index has been fairly engrossed from the draft, for public use, up to the year 1728.

Chancery
Decrees.

69. The Index to Chancery Decrees, removed from the Registrar's office, has been continued from 1843 down to the end of 1848. It is made to names of causes, and gives the dates of signing and filing each decree.

Shannon
Commission.

70. The enrolments of Inquisitions, Judgments, Awards and Conveyances relating to the Shannon Commission under the Acts 5 & 6 Wm. IV., cap. 67, and 2 & 3 Vic., cap. 61, have been indexed alphabetically under the claimants' names.

Ecclesiastical
Deeds.

71. The Index to Ecclesiastical Deeds under the Acts 3 & 4 Wm. IV., cap. 37, and 4 & 5 Wm. IV., cap. 90, and enrolled pursuant to 6 & 7 Wm. IV., cap. 99, received from the Rolls office, has been continued to the present time.

Ulster Railway
Company.

72. An Index Locorum has also been prepared to the enrolments of warrants for inquisitions of the Ulster Railway Company, and the Sheriffs' Judgments thereunder for the Counties of Antrim, Armagh, and Down, made under the Private Acts, 6 & 7 Wm. IV., cap. 83. These Warrants and Judgments have been cleaned, pressed, and bound.

Drainage
Awards.

73. The enrolments of Awards, pursuant to the "Drainage Acts," have been indexed under their several counties in the names of the districts; and the later ones have been assorted and bound.

Rolls of
Parochial
Endowments
and Perpetual
Curacies.

74. An Index to five Patent Rolls of George III., containing endowments of Parishes and perpetual Curacies, that had been omitted in the Index transferred with them, has been supplied.

Chancery
Reports.

75. The Reports in Chancery, which commence in the year 1715, are being arranged in dictionary order in their several portfolios, to facilitate reference. An Index to them, in the names of their causes, is in progress.

Calendar of
Disentailing
Deed Rolls.

76. The calendaring of the Disentailing Deed Rolls has been continued from the Deed No. 834, enrolled 31st December, 1839, with which Mr. Hatchell's calendar closes, to Deed No. 1,233, enrolled in June, 1842.

Chancery
General Index.

77. The general detailed Index to the Records of the Court of Chancery has been completed to page 392.

Literary Inquiries.

78. It was not until the close of the year that suitable provision could be made for the reception of this class of inquiries. The advantages of these means of investigation are as yet but little known. The number of inquiries during the year was fourteen.

The subjects embraced :—State Papers, James I ; Carte Transcripts ; History of Families of Clanricarde, Burke, Barrymore, Carleton, Fitzgibbon, and Adair ; Patent Roll, 24–25 Henry VIII ; Strafford Survey ; Down Survey ; Council Order Book ; Inquisitions, co. Clare.

Donations.

I have to acknowledge the following donations during the year 1869, to the Department :—

From the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury—

Transcripts of Carte Papers. Eleven volumes.
Fac-similes of National MSS. One volume.

From his Excellency Chevalier Nigra—

Glossæ Hibernicæ Veteres Codicis Taurinensis : Paris, 1869.

From Parke Neville, esq., C.E.—

City Engineer's Report to Corporation of Dublin on State of the Public Works, 1869.

From W. Groves, esq.—

Inquisition, 38 Elizabeth, taken at Loughlogher, in the county of Tipperary.

79. The office of Keeper of the Public Records in Ireland became vacant by the demise of the first Keeper under the Act, the Right Hon. John Edward Walsh, M.R., on 20th October, 1869, and continued vacant during the remainder of the year.

80. I continue to receive prompt assistance in all matters within their department from the Commissioners of Public Works and their architect ; and have to express my entire satisfaction in the zeal and assiduity with which the officers and workmen of the Department continue to discharge their respective duties.

All which is humbly submitted to your Excellency.

Dated at the Public Record Office
of Ireland, Four Courts, Dublin,
this 2nd day of March, 1870.

(Signed), SAMUEL FERGUSON,
Deputy Keeper of the Public Records in Ireland.

I humbly certify to your Excellency that this Report is made by the Deputy Keeper of the Public Records in Ireland, under my direction, pursuant to the Statute.

(Signed), EDWARD SULLIVAN, M.R.

APPENDIX.

APPENDIX No. 1.

EXTRACT from REPORT of MICHAEL MOLONEY and THOMAS M'GHEE, Esqrs., on the TRANSFER of RECORDS from CROWN OFFICE, COURT of QUEEN'S BENCH.

In pursuance of instructions received from you, we proceeded on the 13th October, 1868, to prepare for transfer to this office the Records at present deposited in the Crown Office, Queen's Bench.

The collection we found to consist of 881 bundles distributed throughout 68 presses (Nos. 736 to 803 inclusive), in two rooms called in this Report Rooms No. 1 and No. 2.

The Records in Room No. 1 may be conveniently classed under twelve heads, viz. :—

1. Enrolments of Indictments, Judgments, &c., beginning from the 5th & 6th James I. Several gaps occur in this series; the following are the principal :—

From 7th to 14th James I.
 " 17th & 18th do.
 From 1st to 5th Charles I.
 1st William III.
 1st & 2nd Anna.
 1st & 2nd William IV.

2. Writs from 1692 to 1849, and Writs of Error from 1834 to 1848. Some of the Writs we found it would be almost impossible to arrange in chronological order; these we tied up in seven bundles labelled "Miscellaneous."

3. Indictments from Hilary, 1682. The following gaps occur in this series :—

From 1683 to 1687	
	1689
From 1714 to 1720	From 1797 to 1810
" 1722 " 1761	" 1812 " 1818
" 1776 " 1778	" 1838 " 1842
" 1789 " 1795	
	1845
	1847.

4. Informations from 1720, and Informations *ex officio* commencing 1815.

There are apparently no Informations for the following years, viz. :—1794, 1803, 1831, 1840; nor any *ex-officio* Informations for 1817, 1822, 1825 to 1828, 1834, 1838.

5. Writs, &c., of Mandamus from the reign of William III. This series is perfect.

6. Plea Rolls belonging to the civil side of the Court, consisting of the following :—

1 Roll of Elizabeth, 34th year.	5 Rolls of Charles I., 2nd year.
3 Rolls of James I., 4th "	4 " " 3rd "
4 " " 5th "	5 " " 4th "
4 " " 6th "	3 " " 5th "
6 " " 7th "	4 " " 6th "
3 " " 8th "	5 " " 7th "
3 " " 9th "	2 " " 8th "
4 " " 10th "	5 " " 9th "
3 " " 11th "	4 " " 10th "
8 " " 12th "	3 " " 11th "
4 " " 14th "	4 " " 12th "
3 " " 15th "	4 " " 13th "
4 " " 16th "	6 " " 14th "
4 " " 17th "	2 " " 15th "
3 " " 18th "	3 " " 16th "
2 " " 19th "	4 " " 17th "
4 " " 20th "	1 Roll " 19th "
3 " " 21st "	1 " Cromwell, (1655)
4 " " 22nd "	1 " " (1657)
3 " Charles I., 1st "	

7. Writs, &c., of Certiorari from 1732. This Collection is nearly perfect.

8. Affidavits commencing 1690. The series is perfect from 1711.

9. Interrogatories from 1702.

10. Records of Nisi Prius from 16 Geo. II. The following gaps occur in this series, viz. :—From 33 Geo. II. to 1762 ; from 1792 to 1795, 1831.

11. Recognizances commencing 1776.

12. Miscellaneous, comprising Exceptions, Inquisitions, &c.

In Room No. 2 the various classes of documents may be included under three heads, viz. :—

1. Presentments, city and county of Dublin. (The city Presentments commence in 1722, and those for the county in 1771.) Quere Books, Maps, &c.

2. Records belonging to Commission Courts, consisting of Indictments, Pardons, Recognizances, Rule Books, &c., chiefly between 1710 and 1800.

3. Miscellaneous—Inquisitions, Gaol Calendars, &c.

The Lord Chief Justice has issued a certificate (Appendix No. 2), under which several classes of Records, which we had prepared for transfer, are for the present to remain in the Crown Office.

As mentioned above, we began on the 13th October, 1866, to prepare for removal the contents of the two rooms. Each parcel was carefully dusted, entered in the Transfer Book, and, with a label affixed, was replaced in its former position. The operation was completed on the 28th October. For various reasons the actual transfer was delayed for some time. At length it began on the 28th January, 1869, and was completed on 30th January. The collection is now deposited in Bay 2 F, and occupies 130 shelves.

APPENDIX No. 2.

"THE PUBLIC RECORDS (IRELAND) ACT, 1867," 30th and 31st
Victoria, chap. 70, sec. 14.

I, the Right Honorable James Whiteside, Lord Chief Justice of Her Majesty's Court of Queen's Bench in Ireland, do hereby certify under my hand that it will be conducive to the due performance of the business of the Crown side of the said Court, that the Records specified in the schedule hereto subjoined shall not be delivered into the custody of the Master of the Rolls at the end of twenty years from the making thereof.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS to be retained in the CROWN OFFICE under
this CERTIFICATE.

	Date from which to be retained.	Pres.
Articles of the Peace,	From the year 1800.	29
Certiorari, Writs and Returns,		29
Correspondence and Returns,		15
Error, Writs and Proceedings,		5
Indictments,		4
Informations, ex-officio, by Master of the Crown Office (including Quo Warranto),		6-7
Interrogatories and Answers,		29
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Fee, Entry Books,		

(Signed,) JAMES WHITESIDE, Chief Justice.

23rd January, 1869.

APPENDIX, No. 3.

EXTRACT from REPORT of JAMES MILLS, esq., on the ARRANGE-
MENT of the LITTON COLLECTION.

The arrangement of the Litton Collection, transferred under the circumstances mentioned in your first Report, p. 8, was commenced 21st November, 1868, and the general sorting completed by the 24th December following; but owing to the interruptions caused by the more important business of the Department, the indexing and final arrangement were not concluded before the end of the following year, 1869.

The Collection naturally divides itself into Cause Papers, Deeds, and Miscellaneous.

Cause Papers include :—

- Charges and Discharges.
- Statements of Facts.
- Receivers' Accounts.
- Depositions taken in aid of Accounts.
- Affidavits of Service.
- " of Amount of Rent, &c.
- Rentals.
- Tenants' Proposals.
- Undertakings to act as Receivers, Trustees, or Guardians.
- Requisitions to tax Costs.
- Bills of Costs.
- Notes of Hearings.
- " of Sales.
- Draft Conveyances, &c.
- " Reports.
- " Masters' Orders.
- " Rulings.
- " Receivers' Accounts,

With attested copies lodged during the progress of Causes, &c.

As none of these form any kind of series, it would be impossible to give the periods over which they extend, but I may mention that very few bear date earlier than 1790.

The great bulk of this portion of the Collection, which includes about 70,000 Documents, had been placed temporarily in Bay U, and presented an imperfect arrangement, into twenty-four heaps, according to the first letter of the cause or matter to which they related. The remainder, partaking partially of the same arrangement, was spread through Bays 1 E, 1 G, 1 H, 1 I, and 1 K.

Each Paper has been examined, and those belonging to the same cause or matter tied together and labelled with the name of the cause and the position of the bundle in the Record Treasury. These bundles number in all 8,080. A complete alphabetical index has been made to them, and placed, as a means of reference, in the Search Room.

Deeds.—Exclusive of those in boxes, referred to in your above mentioned Report, p. 9, there are 520 Conveyances, Assignments, Marriage Settlements, Bankrupts' Assignments, Leases, &c., extending from 1662 to 1852, and brought into the Master's Office at various times in the course of suits. To these I have, by your directions, prepared the annexed index, containing the names of all the principal parties and the date of each Deed. With these were a number of Leases, made, pending causes, by Masters King and Connor, which I have arranged according to their dates. Similar Leases from the other Masters will be found in their proper places among the Cause Papers, in which portion of the Collection they were found.

Miscellaneous include the following :—

About 150 Commercial and other Account, Letter, and Memorandum Books, many of which contain nothing to show to whom they belonged,

or even the cause in which they were exhibited. Among these I found the following Office Books:—

Office Account Book, January to June, 1810.

Receipt Book for Exhibits returned, 1811–1814.

An Official Diary (with index), 1823–1827.

A List of taxed Costs, containing name of cause, amount of costs, and amount certified, with index incomplete, 1849–1852.

A volume of Certified Costs of Master Coffey, from 19th to 30th June, 1865. This volume has been returned to Master Coffey by your orders.

A Letter from Patrick Rainolds to Lord Claneboye, Dublin, 21st March, 1679, recounting certain proceedings in the House of Commons.

An Order by the Lord Deputy and Council, 15th May, 1655, for a month's pay to Captain Warren's Troop. It is indorsed "Horse, No. 89." Award by the Committee of Adventurers to John Kilbie, of Lands in "North-west quarter, No. 4," of Lune Barony, county Meath.

A number of private letters and fragments, of which no arrangement has been made.

As no means of reference to any of the Documents in the Collection has been found, the indexes as well as the arrangement has been entirely the work of this Department.

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" " Taffe.

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Fitzgerald to Phibbs, . . .	Deed of Release, . . .	1800
Waterford Corporation to Worthensale, . . .	Lease, . . .	1771
Webb, see Haigh.		
Weekes to Harris, . . .	Lease, . . .	1813
Welsh to Vokes, . . .	" . . .	1790
" see Power.		
Welstead, see Harris.		
Wetherall to Browne, . . .	Lease, . . .	1730
Wharton, see Smyth.		
Wheeler, see Walker.		
Whelan and Tierney, bankrupts, . . .	Assignment, . . .	1815
" see Carnocross.		
White, see Chickester.		
" see Williams.		

White v. Phibbs :			
Phibbs, Everard, Blake, . . .	Deed of Annuity, . . .	1825	
White to M'Donnell, . . .	Mortgage, . . .	1814	
Whitworth, <i>see</i> Carnacross.			
Whistler, <i>see</i> Davison.			
" <i>see</i> Williams.			
Wide Street Com. to Shields, . . .	Lease, . . .	1800	
" <i>see</i> Mulvany.			
Williams v. Campian :			
Dixon to Tate, . . .	Lease, . . .	1742	
" to White, . . .	Mortgage, . . .	1740	
King, Kelly, Scott, . . .	Assignment, . . .	1790	
Loggin, . . .	Probate of Will, . . .	1774	
Manders to Kelly, . . .	Re-assignment, . . .	1789	
Musson to Knight, . . .	Assignment, . . .	1797	
Scott, Williams, Knight, . . .	" . . .	1796	
White, Dixon, Loggin, . . .	" . . .	1744	
" to Logan, . . .	Deed, . . .	1789	
Williams to Musson, . . .	Lease, . . .	1797	
Williams to Brannan, . . .	" . . .	1803	
" to Forde, . . .	Assignment, . . .	1802	
" to Whistler, . . .	" . . .	1811	
" Whistler, Davison, . . .	Mortgage, . . .	1810	
" to Williams, . . .	Assignment, . . .	1803	
" to " . . .	" . . .	1811	
" <i>see</i> Davison,			
" <i>see</i> Hobhouse.			
" <i>see</i> Wilkinson.			
Wilcox, <i>see</i> First Fraits.			
Wilson <i>see</i> Carrothers.			
" <i>see</i> Lee.			
Winter, <i>see</i> Beeby.			
Worthevale to Jones, . . .	Deed, . . .	1774	
" <i>see</i> Waterford.			
Wright to Byrne, . . .	Conveyance, . . .	1790	
" to M'Ardle, . . .	Lease, . . .	1790	
" <i>see</i> McCaul.			
" <i>see</i> Page.			
" <i>see</i> Vickers.			
Wynne, <i>see</i> Blackford.			
Young, <i>see</i> Carnacross.			

APPENDIX NO. 4.

When, in pursuance of any Order of the Lord Chancellor, the Master of the Rolls, or the Vice-Chancellor, it shall be necessary to make any Amendment in or to enter any Vacate or other matter upon, any Pleading or other document deposited in the Public Record Office; or when it may be necessary to enter thereon any Suggestion; on the proper Officer of the Record and Writ Office attending at the Search Department of the Public Record Office, and exhibiting to the Officer there in charge such Order (if any), and on his signing a requisition for such Pleading or other Document in the Bespeak Book, such Pleading or other Document, and all proper Books in relation thereto, shall be produced to him, and he may thereupon make such Amendment or Entry, and also every proper Entry connected therewith in any Bill.

Book, Index, or other Book of Reference in said Department; and a Book shall be kept in the Public Record Office, containing a list of all such Amendments or Entries, with the dates thereof, under proper heads.

JOHN E. WALSH, *M.R.*

Dec. 17th, 1868.

APPENDIX No. 5.

To the RIGHT HONORABLE the MASTER of the ROLLS.—The SECOND REPORT of SIR BERNARD BURKE, C.B., ULSTER, KEEPER of the STATE PAPERS in the RECORD TOWER, DUBLIN CASTLE, dated 1st February, 1870.

SIR,—My first Report, dated 1st February, 1869, explained the constitution of my office of Keeper of the State Papers (the staff of which comprises myself as Keeper, and my two Clerks, Mr. George F. Barry, and Mr. John Joseph Maginn), and referred to the duties imposed on me by the "Public Record (Ireland) Act, 1867."

By that Act those duties are declared to be threefold:—

1. To prepare finally, for transfer to the new Public Record Office, the contents of the three depositories, viz. :—The Birmingham Tower Record Room, the Parliamentary Record Office, and the Record Commission Department.
2. To receive the current papers and books of the Chief Secretary's Office, and the Council Office, and the accumulated arrears.
3. To arrange, classify, and index the Records of the State Paper Department for their gradual removal to the Public Record Building, subject to the reservation of the Act requiring that such Records and Papers so to be transferred shall be of an age of fifty years from the making thereof.

To enable me to place clearly before your Honor my proceedings during the past year, and the progress made, I will classify my remarks under three divisions.

I.—TRANSFER OF DOCUMENTS.

1. The whole BIRMINGHAM TOWER RECORDS, comprising more than 600 Plea Rolls, 190 Pipe Rolls, 232 Summonsters' Rolls, seventy large bundles of Sheriffs' Tot Rolls, and thirteen bundles of Miscellaneous Rolls, together with twenty-one MS. volumes of Exchequer Orders, and four volumes of Repertories to the Plea and other Rolls, have been arranged, papered, endorsed, labelled, numbered, adjusted to the spaces in the Record Treasury, and removed to the Public Record Office. To effect this transfer safely and correctly, a carefully compiled Transfer Book of sixty-eight pages (to remain as a record in this department) has been made.

2. CENSUS PAPERS.—The Census (1831) Population Returns, comprising 479 volumes, have been tied up in bundles, labelled, adjusted to the spaces in the Record Treasury, and removed to the Public Record Office. A Transfer Book has also been made for this collection.

The transfer to the Public Record Office of these Records in 1869, and of the Record Commission collection in 1868, leaves only the contents of the Parliamentary Record Office to be removed, to complete the first requirement of the Public Record (Ireland) Act; and this collection is in such a prepared state that it can at any moment be labelled and rendered fit for transfer to the Public Record Office.

II.—THE RECEPTION OF STATE PAPERS.

1. All the PAPERS of the CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE from 1841 to 1852, both years inclusive, forming a very extensive collection, have been transferred to this department, and have been carefully arranged and sorted, and Press Catalogues made.

2. An accumulation of CONVICT PAPERS, from 1815 to 1847, has also been received, arranged chronologically, and Press Catalogued.

3. MISCELLANEOUS PAPERS of various years, from 1811 to 1852, transmitted at the same time, have been temporarily sorted in years, and placed in presses in like manner.

Besides the foregoing Papers, various (sixty-eight volumes) "Books of Entries" of Country Letters, Government Correspondence, Ecclesiastical Affairs, Civil Petitions, and Civil Affairs, together with a few other Books, have been transmitted to this department.

III.—ARRANGEMENT, CLASSIFICATION, INDEXING, &c., OF STATE PAPER DEPARTMENT.

1. The Calendar to the BRITISH DEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE, being the Correspondence of the Departments in England with the Lord Lieutenant's and Chief Secretary's Departments in Ireland, commencing in 1683, to which I referred in my former Report as having been begun, has been continued to the year 1721, and a great portion of it—1683 to 1711—has been fair—transcribed.

2. Collection of CERTIFICATES RESPECTING OFFICERS' WIDOWS, being Affidavits of Officers' Widows, made before Justices of the Peace, for the purpose of their obtaining payment of their pensions, containing 2,265 Documents, has been arranged, numbered, and placed in cartons, and a comprehensive Index made to it.

This collection gives not only the Widows' Affidavits, but also the Certificates of Ministers and Churchwardens as to identity and existence. Each Affidavit states the fact of marriage, the name of the deceased husband, his rank in the Army, and the Regiment in which he served. These Widows' Certificates, which commence in 1752, and end in 1763, supply a link in the chain of evidence of marriages and deaths, and may be found of importance in legal investigations.

3. BRITISH ORDERS IN COUNCIL, being Orders of the Council in London respecting affairs of Ireland, commencing in 1711, and ending in 1806, have been arranged, numbered, placed in cartons, and INDEXED.

GENERAL ORDERS OF THE COUNCIL IN IRELAND, being Orders of the Lord Lieutenant and Council, commencing 1793, and ending 1798, have been arranged, numbered, and INDEXED.

4. PROCLAMATIONS BY THE LORD LIEUTENANT AND COUNCIL, commencing in 1711, and ending 1811, have been arranged, numbered, placed in cartons, and calendared. This collection consists of engrossments of Proclamations on parchment, as well as of printed copies in broken sets. Of these printed copies I have selected one set, placed it in cartons, and made a comprehensive Index to it.

5. A complete Calendar with Index, has been made to the earliest "Book of Entries" in the Council Office, commencing in February, 1581, and ending in January, 1586, being entitled "A Giornal for entrie of daylie and ordinary actes of the Council and matters of State." A memorandum describes this book as having been the gift of Sir Henry Wallop, Treasurer at War for Ireland. This volume was so dilapidated from the effects of time, that throughout a considerable portion of the pages the paper was reduced to a state that it crumbled

to the touch. By an ingenious process of placing the damaged portion of the pages between tracing paper and transparent muslin, the injured part has been rendered perfectly secure from all future decay, and the book rendered available for public use.

The oldest "Books of Entries" in the Council Office, with the exception of the ancient Journal Book just referred to, are a collection of COUNCIL BOOKS, principally of the time of the Commonwealth, though there are a few volumes of the reigns of Charles I., Charles II., James II., and William and Mary.

THE COMMONWEALTH COLLECTION consists of fifty-five volumes, begun in 1649, and continued in a consecutive series to the period of the Restoration. These Books were, many of them, falling to pieces from the decay in the bindings, the result of the lapse of time, and they had their leaves loose and liable to be lost. The pages of the books, however, have been kept in perfect preservation, owing to the security from damp or damage afforded by the thickness of the walls of the Record Tower. The whole series has been bound anew, under my directions, in the Record Tower. A running number has been affixed to the Commonwealth series, while the miscellaneous volumes have been marked by letters of the alphabet. I have annexed to this Report lists of these volumes, with the running numbers and titles, the latter being for the most part the original descriptions on the old bindings, which old bindings I have put carefully aside for preservation in case of any reference to them being required.

6. MILITARY MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNTS, 1684 to 1770.

ARMY STATES, 1723 to 1761

BARRACK CORRESPONDENCE, 1703 to 1793.

MILITARY CONTRACTS, 1710 to 1760.

MILITARY NOTIFICATIONS, MISCELLANEOUS, 1702-1767, have all been deposited in tin cases, marked "State Papers, Military."

7. OFFICERS' WIDOWS' ACCOUNTS (one bundle not mentioned in the Official Printed Index) have been arranged and placed in a carton.

8. MILITARY COMMISSIONS, 1715-1763, have been arranged and placed in a carton.

9. GENERAL AND OTHER OFFICERS' CORRESPONDENCE, 1686-1776, has been arranged and placed in cartons.

MILITARY LISTS AND RETURNS, MISCELLANEOUS, 1685 to 1781, have been arranged and placed in cartons.

10. ORDNANCE CORRESPONDENCE, 1701 to 1803, has been placed in a carton.

11. ROLLS OF MUSTERS, 1741 to 1780 (arranged in years), have been papered and tied up in bundles.

12. ACCOUNTS OF THE CONCORDATUM FUND, 1701-1790, have been arranged and placed in cartons.

13. AFFIDAVITS, EXAMINATIONS, INFORMATIONS, PRESENTMENTS, &c., for the counties in Ireland, 1695 to 1813, classified according to counties and years, have been arranged and placed in cartons.

14. AGREEMENTS, BONDS, LEASES, &c., classified by years, have been arranged and placed in cartons.

15. BALLAST OFFICE, BELFAST; ELECTIONS, REGULATIONS, and other papers connected therewith, 1785-1812; Dublin do., 1783-1809, have been sorted and placed in cartons.

16. CERTIFICATES, MISCELLANEOUS, 1686-1796, arranged and placed in cartons.

17. CHURCH VALUATIONS have been classified, arranged chronologically according to Dioceses and Parishes, and have been arranged in cartons.

18. COINAGE: ARRANGEMENTS, 1711-1805, have been placed in a carton.

19. ORDERS FOR ENGROSSING ACTS, 1713-1800, have been arranged and placed in cartons.

20. ORDERS FOR DRAFTING PROCLAMATIONS, 1711-1803, have been placed in cartons.

21. ORDERS FOR ENGROSSING PROCLAMATIONS, 1725-1811, have been placed in cartons.

22. ORDERS FOR ISSUING MONEY, 1731-1794, have been placed in cartons.

23. ORDERS RESPECTING WINE DUTIES, 1726-1783, have been placed in cartons.

24. ORDERS RESPECTING EMBARGOES, 1740-1801, have been placed in cartons.

25. ORDERS RESPECTING QUARANTINE, 1711-1801, have been placed in cartons.

26. ORDERS TO IRISH COUNCIL, with annexed Reports of Committees of Council and references thereupon, 1711-1796, have been placed in cartons.

27. ORDERS MISCELLANEOUS, 1708-1812, have been placed in cartons.

28. MINUTES, MEMORANDA, &c., 1713-1809, have been placed in cartons.

29. OATHS OF ALLEGIANCE, ABSURATION, AND DECLARATION, 1714-1813, have been classified, arranged in years, and placed in a carton.

30. The LISTS OF FEES chargeable by Admiralty officers, Arms officers, Chancery officers, Common Pleas officers, Crown and Peace clerks of Provinces and Counties, Ecclesiastical officers, Exchequer officers, King's Bench officers; by Manor Courts and Municipal officers; Revenue, Treasury, and various other officers, have been classified, arranged, and placed in cartons.

In addition to the foregoing, a vast number of KING'S AND QUEEN'S LETTERS, commencing 1649, are in process of classification. When they are arranged and placed in cartons, I have ordered a calendar to be made.

MISCELLANEOUS STATE PAPERS, 1836-1838, not included in the official Indexes have been partly arranged.

In conclusion, I deem it my duty to express my full approval of the ability, zeal, and diligence of my chief assistant, Mr. George Barry, as well as of the intelligence, assiduity, and systematic habits of my other clerk, Mr. J. J. Maginn.

I have the honour to be, sir,

Your very obedient servant,

(Signed,) J. BERNARD BURKE, Ulster,
Keeper of the State Papers in the Record Tower.

Record Tower, Dublin Castle,
1st February, 1870.

LIST OF THE COUNCIL BOOKS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

Present running No.		Old Marks.
1.	Issues of Money, 1653-1655,	A/ 1
2.	Issues of Money, 1655-1656,	A/ 2
3.	References of Petitions, 1654,	A/ 3
4.	References of Petitions, 1654-1655,	A/ 4
5.	General Orders, 1654-1655,	A/ 5
6.	Orders, 1654-1655,	A/ 6
7.	Orders, 1654-1655,	A/ 7
8.	References of Petitions, Reports, and Orders, 1655-1656,	A/ 8
9.	References of Petitions, 1655-1656,	A/ 9
10.	Orders of Lord Deputy and Council, 1654-1657,	A/10
11.	References of Petitions, 1656-1657,	A/11
12.	References of Petitions, 1656-1657,	A/12
13.	References of Petitions, 1657-1658,	A/13
14.	References of Petitions, 1657-1658,	A/14
15.	References of Petitions, 1658-1659,	A/15
16.	References of Petitions, 1659,	A/16
17.	Orders, 1659,	A/17
18.	Civil List, 1655,	A/19
19.	Civil List, 1656,	A/20
20.	Orders for Money, 1656-1658,	A/21
21.	Establishment for 1655, Judges, &c., Ministers' and Pensioners' Allowances, 1657-1658,	A/22
22.	Money Orders, 1657-1658,	A/24
23.	Money Issues out of Tithe Revenue, 1657-1661,	A/25
24.	Commissions and Instructions, 1654-1658,	A/26
25.	Commissions and Instructions, 1650-1657,	A/27
26.	Letters from Lord Protector, Council of State, or Parliament of England, 1654-1658,	A/28
27.	Letters from the Parliament of England and Council of State, 1659,	A/29
28.	Letters of the Lord Deputy and Council, 1654-1659,	A/30
29.	Grants of Land, 1656,	A/31
30.	Examinations, Delinquent Proprietors, Precinct of Athlone, 1654,	A/32
31.	Civil List, 1654,	A/33
32.	Forfeiting Proprietors Listed, various Counties, 1657,	A/35
33.	Accounts of Soldiers stated singly, 1654,	A/39
34.	Journal or Order Book of Commissioners for Ireland, 1651-1652,	A/56
35.	Orders for Money, 1651-1652,	A/57
36.	Orders for Money, 1652-1653,	A/58
37.	Pensions Granted to Soldiers' Widows and Orphans, 1651-1653,	A/59
38.	Original Minute Book of Colonel Herbert, Clerk of the Council, 1654-1655,	A/60
39.	Mallow Proceedings, 1656,	A/61
40.	Transplanters' Certificates, Precinct of Limerick, 1653-1654,	A/62
41.	Orders for Lands, 1653-1659—Compositions of Delinquent Protestants, 1655-1659,	A/81
42.	Orders, 1651-1653,	A/82
43.	References of Petitions and Orders, 1653-1654,	A/83

LIST OF THE COUNCIL BOOKS OF THE COMMONWEALTH—*continued*.

Present running No.		Old Marks.
44.	Orders, 1653,	A/84
45.	References of Petitions and Orders, 1653-1654, . . .	A/85
46.	References of Petitions, 1656,	A/86
47.	Original Minute Book of Colonel Herbert, Clerk of the Council, 1653-1658,	A/87
48.	Original Minute Book of Colonel Herbert, Clerk of the Council, 1655-1655,	A/88
49.	Domestic Correspondence, 1651-1652,	A/89
50.	Domestic Correspondence, 1652-1654,	A/90
51.	Ministers of the Gospel—Appointments, Removals, Salaries, &c., 1658-1659,	A/91
52.	Original Minute Book of Colonel Herbert, Clerk of the Council, 1654-1655,	A/100
53.	Roman Catholic Inhabitants, county Cork—Names and Residences, 1654-1655,	A/103
54.	Rent Roll of Lands, Houses, Tithes, &c., belonging to His Highness and the Commonwealth, 1657-1658, }	C/1 to C/12
55.	Persons Subscribing the Engagement, county Roscommon and town of Athlone, 1652-1653,	C/13

LIST OF COUNCIL BOOKS OF ENTRIES (MISCELLANEOUS).

A.	Charles I.	Kilkenny Confederates—Orders on Process, 1644 to 1649,	A/ 54
B.	Do.	Kilkenny Confederates—Arrears of Assess- ments, 1645-1647,	A/ 99
C.	Do.	Kilkenny Confederates—Arrears of Assess- ments, 1645-1649,	A/ 98
D.	Do.	Kilkenny Confederates—Assessments and Assignments, 1647-1648,	A/ 36
E.	Do.	Kilkenny Confederates—Assessments and Assignments, 1648-1649,	A/ 55
F.	Charles II.	Excise Accounts—1st May, 1658, to 24th June, 1660; and 24th June, 1660, to 24th June, 1662,	A/ 18
G.	Do.	Affidavits of Service of Orders of Council, 1661-1663,	A/ 94
H.	Do.	Affidavits of Service of Orders of Council, 1663-1669,	A/ 95
I.	{ Charles II. James II. }	Affidavits of Service of Orders of Council, } 1662-1683,	A/107
J.	Charles II.	Domestic Letters—Lord Lieutenant and Coun- cil, 1667-1678,	A/104
K.	Do.	Passes for Ships, 1677,	A/ 75
L.	{ Charles II. James II. Wm. & Mary. }	Domestic Letters—Lord Lieutenant and } Council, 1678-1689,	A/105
M.	{ Charles II. James II. }	Addresses to the King, 1682-1685, . . . }	A/106
N.	Wm. & Mary.	Wool Licenses, 1699,	A 40

APPENDIX No. 6.

EXTRACT from REPORT of JAMES MILLS, esq., on the REMOVAL of RECORDS from the EXAMINERS' OFFICES of the COURT of CHANCERY.

The repositories of this collection, consisting of six rooms on the first landing at the extremity of the eastern wing of the Four Courts building, were inspected on Monday, the 2nd of August, 1869. The work of cleaning the documents in these rooms being at once proceeded with, I was enabled on the Saturday following to commence preparations for transfer; and the entry and removal being simultaneously carried on, so as to leave room for the arrangement of the disordered portions of the collection, the transfer was completed by the 23rd of September following.

The records in the three northern rooms belonged to the Chief Examiner; those in the southern to the late Second Examiner's Office. I proceed first to treat of the Chief Examiner's Records.

The office of Examiner of the Court of Chancery was created not later than 1540, and was in the gift of the Master of the Rolls. His duty is to receive Interrogatories for the examination and cross-examination of witnesses in any cause in the Court of Chancery, to examine and cross-examine witnesses, to prepare in writing the depositions to which the witnesses sign their names, and to preserve the same as well as the examinations of witnesses at a distance taken by Commission. By patent 3rd Car. I., p. 4, "another examiner" was appointed to examine in "such matters as concerneth the Plaintiffs." By subsequent letters patent 4 Car. I., p. 2, the duties of the two officers were assimilated, suitors being permitted to file Interrogatories with either, as in England. With regard however to Depositions taken by Commission, the original practice appears to have prevailed till 1755, those taken for plaintiffs being returned to the Second, and those for defendants to the Chief Examiner. It seems also that the same Examiner could not act for both parties, Plaintiff and Defendant, in the same cause, Irish Record Commissioners' Reports, Vol. I., p. 102. It should be observed that several of the gentlemen who filled the office of Second Examiner during the present century were accustomed to style themselves Chief Examiners.

The Records of the Chief Examiner have received the general name of Depositions. They consist of—

- I. Interrogatories filed in the office.
- II. The Dominicals or drafts (usually on paper) of the Depositions of the witnesses taken either by the Examiner or by Commission.
- III. The fair copies (on parchment) of the Depositions. These copies in many cases have not been made.
- IV. Answers to personal Interrogatories.
- V. The Commissions (when the Depositions were taken by Commission), with Commissioners' and Clerks' Oaths attached.

These Records are made up in the form of rolls, and each set of Inter-

rogatories with its Depositions attached forming a roll, indorsed with date and name of cause.

The earliest fragment bears date 1573, but from that year to 1660 only a very small proportion of the Records are preserved.

From 1661 to 1699 the Rolls are in good preservation but in very many cases without endorsement. They were tied in bundles, each bundle containing usually Records of the same year or period. These bundles however being heaped promiscuously in three presses in as many different rooms, the Records of this period were unavailable without a laborious search. These Records I have collected and re-arranged according to their years. The year 1689 only, during which very few Interrogatories were filed, is wholly wanting.

From 1700 to 1760 the Rolls were tied in term bundles in the arrangement of which frequent inaccuracies were discovered, probably to be accounted for by the fact that these Records had, at different times, been removed from one repository to another in open bundles by common labourers. These Records I have partly re-arranged to rectify the inaccuracies.

From 1760 to 1850 the Records were in good order in term bundles; those only for Michaelmas 1794, and Hilary, Trinity, and Michaelmas 1836 being wanting.

All the above, being cleaned and tied in bundles covered with brown paper, each labelled with a description of its contents and its position in the Record Treasury, were transferred and placed on shelves in Bay 5 L. A complete reference to the bundles is supplied by the "Transfer Book" lodged in the Search Room.

For reference to the Records the following Lists and Indexes have been removed to the Search Room.

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| Vol. I. | 1548 to 1656 | } These volumes have no alphabetical indexes, and appear to be lists merely made at a subsequent period. |
| " II. | 1656 to 1770 | |
| " III. | 1671 to 1678 | |
| | 1679 to 1686, | } bound at the end of Vol. I.; this is of the same character as the above, but has an alphabetical Index. |
| " IV. | 1685 to 1723. | |
- The first eleven pages of this volume being very much mutilated had been recopied at some period. Both copy and original are bound in this volume. This and the following volumes are office books containing entries on the filing of Interrogatories and the return of Depositions taken by Commission. They have alphabetical Indexes to the plaintiffs' names.

Vol. V. 1723 to 1749; Vol. VI. 1749 to 1774; Vol. VII. 1774 to 1794; Vol. VIII. 1795 to 1811; Vol. IX. 1812 to 1827.

As Vol. X., 1827 to the present time, being in current use, has been retained in the Examiner's office, we have no reference to the Records of that period. There is a fair copy of the first four volumes, but without Index.

Besides the foregoing Records the following documents have been removed:—

- I. Depositions sealed, one bundle.
- II. Copies Orders for Publication, 1794-1850.
- III. Dockets for Examination.

IV. Office Books :

Book of Entries of Interrogatories, &c., 1681-47, much injured.

Duplicate Index to Vol. IV. Entry Book.

Receipt Book for Exhibits 1741-1752.

1758-1795.

Fee and Scrivenery Account Books.

V. Deeds, &c., Exhibited, 9 bundles.

VI. "A Book of Recognisances taken in the Chancery of Ireland before Thomas Archbishop of Dublin, and Lord Chancellor of Ireland," from 1 January, 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 6 March 16 $\frac{1}{2}$. There is no index to this volume, which was found in a drawer of rubbish, but the name of each person entering into a recognisance is written at the foot of the page to catch the eye in turning over. It contains also some petitions, and letters of the Lord Deputy and Council in reference to the recognisances.

VII. A small file of various Exchequer writs circa 1800.

The office of Second Examiner in Chancery was created in 1627 as mentioned above. It existed until 1856, when the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Webb was not filled up.

The Records of the Second Examiner are precisely similar to those of his colleagues. The earliest bears date 1661. From that year to 1760 they were in a state of great confusion, and apparently very imperfect. I have collected and arranged them, and find that the years 1689, 1740, 1750, and 1757 are wholly wanting, and that many of the others are more or less imperfect.

From 1760 to 1789, they were tied in termly bundles, and were much disordered; 39 of these bundles are found to be wanting.

From 1790 to 1856, the termly bundles were in fair condition; 31, however, are wanting—the years 1798, 1799, 1818, 1819, 1820, 1821, 1822, and 1833 being especially deficient.

It is to be observed that, this office being an extinct one, all the records, as well under as over twenty years, have been transferred. They are placed, in the same manner as the Chief Examiner's, in Bay 5 L.

The following books of reference to the Second Examiner's Records have been transferred from the Chief Examiner's office:—1661 to 1676, without alphabetical index.

It has a continuation in the form of a fee account from Hil. 1679 to 1682, in which reference is made to a second book of Entries, which I have been unable to find.

1757 to 1783	} These are books of entries similar to those of the Chief Examiner's office. They have alphabetical indexes to the plaintiffs' names. It will be seen that there is no means of reference to the Second Examiner's Records between 1682 and 1757, and no regular means between 1676 and 1682.
1783 " 1802	
1803 " 1826	
1826 " 1844	
1845 " 1860	

Besides the above, the following documents have been removed from this office:—

I. Depositions, sealed, one bundle.

II. Copies of Orders for Publication, 1807-1850.

III. Dockets for Examination, to 1848.

IV. Office Books:—

Receipt Book for Exhibits, 1831-1861.

Fee and Scrivenery Account Book.

V. Deeds, &c., Exhibited to Witnesses, and left in office, seven bundles.

VI. A few Answers, sworn but not filed.

The Depositions removed from the Chancery Registrar's office (Deputy Keeper's 1st Report, p. 58, App. No. 31), properly belong to this collection. Their existence in that office has been accounted for thus: "Formerly the Depositions by Commission were received, entered, and filed in this department" (Examiner's office) "immediately and without delay, on being returned into the Court of Chancery; latterly they lie in the office of the Registrar of the Court until publication."—*Irish Record Com. Reports*, vol. I., p. 103-1812.

These have already, as stated in the Deputy Keeper's Report above mentioned, been carefully indexed.

The following Equity Exchequer Records, in the custody of the Chancery Examiners since the abolition of the Equity side of the Exchequer, have been removed and placed, by your directions, with the other records of that Court, and will be reported on with them at a future date:—

Depositions, 1809-1850, with a few of earlier date.

Copies Orders for Publication, 1825-1850.

Notices of motion, 1819-1832.

Certificates of various Officers, 1813-1833.

APPENDIX No. 7.

EXTRACT from the REPORT of the ASSISTANT DEPUTY KEEPER ON RECORDS of the LAW EXCHEQUER removed from BENCHERS' BUILDINGS VAULTS.

In accordance with your directions of the 28th January, 1869, I got the keys of the vaults described in the Warrant of the Master of the Rolls as "six certain vaults under that part of the new building at the rear of the Four Courts, called the Benchers' Building," from the late J. C. Lowry, esq., Q.C., the Master of the Court of Exchequer; and proceeded to examine their condition and contents. I found them very dirty, dark, and damp; so much so, that in places where the sacks, in which most of the documents were contained, had touched the walls or floor, they had rotted away, but, with very few exceptions, the decay had not spread to the Records, which I found in very fair preservation. :

The Records consisted of documents of various kinds, belonging to the Law Exchequer, tied in parcels of a year or term, and placed in sacks properly labelled; and with their contents set out in two Note Books, written by the late Mr. James Ferguson, of the Court of Exchequer, who had arranged and deposited most of these Records in this repository. I found about eighty sacks in Room 3, which had been placed there at a later period by other persons than the late Mr. J. Ferguson, on which there were no proper labels specifying their contents, nor was there any list thereof. These I had opened, and a list made of their contents. The series are so irregular, and the gaps so numerous that I subjoin hereto, alphabetically arranged, a schedule of the different parcels of documents with their dates.

The whole collection contained three hundred and fifty sacks, and after going carefully through them, one by one—a work which the darkness

of the vaults, the dirt, and the foul smell rendered very onerous—I commenced on the 22nd February to remove them to the Record Treasury, preserving the same order in which I found them, and placed them temporarily in Bays K, L, and M. I say temporarily, as it is proposed to move them hereafter, when the Records of the Law Exchequer shall be deposited with us, and when I expect that they will nearly completely fill up the gaps in the different series of that collection, and so form, with the Records to be brought from that Court, a uniform and complete series.

In the subjoined list, the letters refer to the Terms of the year.

I received no Index Books whatever relating to these documents.

In conclusion, I have to express to you how much I am indebted to the officers of the Court of Exchequer for their courtesy and explanations, and to Mr. Mills and Mr. Berry of this office, who gave me most able assistance.

SCHEDULE of the RECORDS of the LAW EXCHEQUER referred to in the foregoing Report.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Period.
Affidavits, common,	H.	1744.
	H. E. T. M.	1746 to 1783.
	M.	1783.
	H. E. T. M.	1784.
	T.	1785.
	H. E. T. M.	1786 to 1790.
	H.	1791.
	H. E. T. M.	1792 to 1801.
	H. E. T. M.	1807 to 1809.
	E. T. M.	1810.
	H. E. T. M.	1811 to 1815.
	H. E.	1816.
	H.	1817.
	H. E. T. M.	1818 to 1820.
	H. E.	1821.
Affidavits of Contempt, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	H. E. T.	1760.
	M.	1764.
	M.	1766.
	E.	1767.
	H. E. T. M.	1768 to 1772.
	E. T. M.	1773.
	H. E. T. M.	1774 to 1777.
	H. E. T. M.	1779 to 1782.
	E. T. M.	1783.
	H. E. T. M.	1784.
	T.	1791.
	H. E. T. M.	1793.
	T. M.	1794.
	H. E.	1795.
		1796-1800.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER referred to in foregoing Report—*continued*.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Affidavits of Contempt, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings— <i>continued</i> .	H. E. T. M.	1796 to 1797.
	H. E.	1798.
	H. E.	1799.
	H. E. T.	1800.
	H. E. T. M.	1801 to 1804.
	H. E. T.	1805.
	E.	1806.
	H.	1837.
Affidavits of Debt,		M. 1800.
		M. 1803.
	E.	1804.
	T.	1806.
	H. M.	1810.
	H. E.	1811.
		M. 1812.
	E.	1813.
	H.	1814.
Affidavits in Ejectment,	H.	1739.
	H.	1744.
	H.	1781.
	H. E. T. M.	1746 to 1782.
	E. T. M.	1783.
	H. E. T. M.	1784 to 1790.
	H. E. M.	1791.
	H. E. T. M.	1792, 1793.
	H. E. T.	1794.
	H. E. T. M.	1795 to 1801.
	H. E.	1802.
Affidavits of service of Insol- vent Debtors.	E.	1769.
Affidavits of service of Capias's,		M. 1800.
		M. 1803.
	H. E. T. M.	1804.
	H. E. T. M.	1805.
	H. E. T.	1806.
	H. E. M.	1807.
Affidavits of service of Rules for Judgment.		1803 to 1809.
		1807-1809.
	H. T.	H. 1810-T. 1811.
		1812.
		1812, 1813.
		1813, 1814.
		1816 to 1823.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—continued.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Affidavits of service of Notices, Affidavits of service of Sub- poenas.		1794-1801. 1760-1761. 1791-1798. M. 1805. H. T. M. 1806. H. E. T. M. 1807. E. M. 1808. H. E. T. M. 1809.
Appearances,	H.	1782. M. 1807. H. 1808.
Attachments,		1766.
Bail Pieces,		1815.
Bonds,		1800.
Broken Filings, sack No. 1, .		1738-1760. 1761-1764. 1765-1763. 1768. 1769-1771. 1770. (2) 1771. (2) 1772. (2) 1773. (2) 1773-1775. 1774. (3) 1775. (3) 1776. 1777. (2) 1778. (2) 1779. (2) 1780. (3) 1780-1782. 1781. (2) 1782. (2) 1783. (4) 1784. (4) 1785. (2) 1786. (5) 1787. (6) 1788. (4) 1789. (7) 1790. (5) 1791. (6) 1792. (2) 1792. (8) 1793. (11) 1793. 1794. (7) 1795. (6)
" No. 2, .		
" No. 3, .		
" No. 4, .		
" No. 5, .		
" No. 6, .		
" No. 7, .		
" No. 8, .		
" No. 9, .		
" No. 10, .		

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Broken Filings, No. 11, .		1796. (6)
" No. 12, .		1797. (9)
		1798.
" No. 13, .		1799. (7)
" No. 14, .		1799. (10)
" No. 15, .		1799. (2)
		1800. (5)
" No. 16, .		1800. (5)
		1801. (5)
" No. 17, .		1801. (4)
		1802. (6)
" No. 18, .		1802. (2)
		1803. (8)
" No. 19, .		1803. (7)
" No. 20, .		1804. (7)
" No. 21, .		1804. (5)
		1805. (5)
" No. 22, .		1805. (6)
		1806. (4)
" No. 23, .		1806. (4)
		1807. (7)
" No. 24, .		1808. (7)
		1809. (4)
" No. 25, .		1810. (4)
		1811. (8)
" No. 26, .		1812. (5)
		1813. (5)
" No. 27, .		1814. (4)
		1815. (5)
" No. 28, .		1816. (4)
		1816-1817.
		1817.
		1818. (4)
		1819. (3)
" No. 29, .		1820. (3)
		1821. (2)
		1822. (2)
		1823.
		1824. (2)
		1825. (2)
		1826. (2)
" No. 30, .		1827.
		1828. (4)
		1829.
		1830.
		1831.
		1832.
		1833.
		1834.
		1835-1836.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Period.
Broken Filings, No. 30— <i>continued.</i>		1837. 1838-1839. 1840-1841. 1842. 1842-1843. 1843.
Capiss's, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings,		1775. 1776. 1777-1779. 1780. 1785. 1794-1796. 1798-1810. 1806-1811. 1815.
Certificates of Plaintiff's Debt, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.		1799, 1800. 1800, 1801. 1811. (2) 1816. 1817. 1817-1818. 1818-1819. 1820-1821. 1823-1824. 1825. 1826-1838. 1829-1833. 1840-1843.
Certificates of Taxed Costs,		
Cognovits,	H. E. M.	1730.
	E. T. M.	1751, 1752.
	H. T. M.	1753.
	H. T. M.	1754.
	H. E. T. M.	1755 to 1762.
		1764.
	H. E. T. M.	1765 to 1768.
	H. E. T. M.	1770, 1771.
	H. E. T. M.	1772, 1773.
	H. ² E. T. ² M. ²	1774.
	H. E. T. M.	1775.
	E. ² T. ² M.	1776.
	H. E. T. ² M.	1777.
	H. ² E. T. ² M. ²	1778.
	H. ² E. T. ² M. ²	1779.
	H. ² E. T. ² M.	1780.
	H. E. T. ²	1781.
	H. E. T. ² M.	1782.
	H. ² E. T. M. ²	1783.
	H. ² E. T. ² M. ²	1784.
	H. ² T. ² M.	1785.
	H. E. T. ² M.	1786.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Cognovits— <i>continued.</i>	H. ² E. T. ² M.	1787.
	H. E. T. ² M.	1788 to 1790.
	H. ² E. T. ² M. ³ .	1791.
	H. E. T. ² M.	1792.
	E. T. ² M.	1793.
	H. ² E. T. M. ⁴	1794.
	H. ² E. T. M.	1795, 1796.
	H. ² E. T. ² M. ³	1797.
	H. ² E. T. ²	1798.
	H. ² E. T. ² M.	1799.
Declarations, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	H. E.	1740.
	T. M.	1741.
	T.	1743.
	H. T.	1744.
	H. E. M.	1745.
	E. M.	1746.
		1753.
		1754.
	E. T.	1756.
	M.	1758.
	H.	1762.
	H.	1763.
		1764.
		1766.
	E.	1771.
	T.	1772.
	H. E.	1773.
	H.	1774.
	E.	1776.
	E.	1777.
		1777.
	H.	1778.
	H. M.	1779.
	H. E.	1780.
	H. T.	1783.
	E. M.	1785.
	H.	1786.
		1787.
		1791.
	H. T. ² M.	1793.
		1794-1795.
	E.	1795.
	T. M.	1798.
	H.	1800.
	E. M.	1802.
		1802-1803.
		1802-1805.
	H. E. T. M.	1803.
	H.	1804.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued*.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Declarations— <i>continued</i> .		1804. (3)
	H. E. M.	1805.
	H. T.	1807.
	(H. & E.)	1808.
	E.	1808.
	H. E. M.	1809.
		1809-1810.
		1810.
	E. M.	1810.
	E. T. M.	1811.
		1811-1812.
	H. T. M.	1812.
		1812-1813.
	H. E. T. M.	1813.
		1814.
	H. M.	1815.
		1815. (2)
	H. E. T. M.	1816.
	(H. & E.) T.	1817.
		1817-1819. (3)
	(H. E. T.)	1818.
	E.	1818. (2)
	T. M.	1818-1819.
		1818-1819.
	E. M.	1819.
		1819.
	H. E. T.	1820.
		1820. (2)
		1820-1821.
	E. T.	1821.
		1821.
	H. E. T. M.	1822.
		1822-1825.
	H. E. T. M.	1823.
	H. M.	1824.
		1824.
	H. T. M.	1825.
		1825.
	(H. & E.)	1826.
	E. T. M.	1826.
	H. E. T. M.	1827.
	H. T.	1828.
	H. E. T. M.	1829.
		1829-1830.
	H. E. T.	1830.
	H. E. T. M.	1831.
	H. T.	1832.
		1832.
	H. E. T. M.	1833, 1834.
		1834-1836.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Declarations— <i>continued.</i>	E. T. M.	1835.
		1835-1836.
	H. E. T.	1836.
		1836.
	E. M.	1837.
Declarations in Ejectment, Ejectments, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings,		1837.
		M.
	H.	1806.
		1744.
	H.	1757.
		M.
	E.	1762.
		1764.
		M.
		1770.
		M.
		1782.
		1782.
		M.
		1783.
	H. E. M.	1784.
	H. E. T. M.	1785.
	H. E.	1786.
		1786-1787.
	H. (T. & M.)	1787.
	H. E.	1788.
		1788.
	H. (E. & T.)	1789.
	H.	1790.
	(E. T. & M.)	1790. (2)
	E. M.	1791.
		1793.
		M.
		1793.
		1794.
		1795.
		1795-1796.
	(E. & T.)	1796.
	E. T.	1797.
		1798.
	H. E.	1799.
	H. E. ² T. M.	1801.
	H. T.	1802.
	(T. & M.)	1803-1804.
	H. ² E. M.	1805.
	H. E. T. M.	1806.
	H. M.	1807.
		1808-1810.
	H.	1810.
		1811-1815.
		M.
		1815.
	E. T.	1817.
		1817-1818.
	H. E.	1818.
		1818-1819.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Period.
Ejectments— <i>continued.</i>	(H. & E.)	1819.
	T.	1819.
		1820.
		1820.
H. M.		1821.
(H. E. T.)		1822.
H.		1823.
		1824.
		1824-1825.
		1825-1826.
H. E. T. M.		1827.
		1828.
E.		1828.
		1829. (2)
H. E. M.		1829.
H. ² T.		1830.
H. E. T. M. ²		1831.
H. E. T.		1832.
H. E. M.		1833.
H. E.		1834.
		1834.
E. T. M.		1835.
		1835.
H. E. T.		1836.
		1836.
H. T. M.		1837.
H. E. ² M.		1838.
H. E. T. M.		1839-1841.
H.		1842.
Ejectments and Contempts, Habeas Corpus, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	E.	1737.
		1770.
		1784-1787.
		1796-1800.
		1812-1816.
Injured Filings, <i>viz.</i> Affidavits of Contempt. Capias's, Certificates of Amount of Plain- tiff's Demand. Declarations,	H.	1796.
		1813.
		1813.
		1804. (2)
	H.	1786.
		1789-1791.
	T.	1792.
	H. T. ²	1796.
		1797-1798.
	M. ²	1800.
	H.	1801.
	M.	1806.
	E.	1807.
	M.	1808.
		1814.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Injured Filings, viz.— <i>continued.</i>	T.	1824.
Declarations,	M.	1830.
Ejectments,	M.	1763.
	H.	1772.
	E.	1775.
	T.	1780.
	E.	1811.
	E.	1817.
	T.	1819.
	H.	1821.
Habeas Corpus,	T.	1790.
Judgments on Confession, .	E.	1771-1774.
	T.	1799.
	M.	1804.
	T.	1805.
	T.	1809.
	T.	1819.
Judgments by Default and on Confession.	(H. & E.)	1775.
	M.	1805.
	M.	1809.
	E.	1810.
Judgments in Ejectment, .	H.	1792.
	H.	1797.
	T. ²	1806.
	H.	1807.
	M. ²	1811.
Judgments on Inquisition, .	T.	1792.
	M.	1793.
	T.	1798.
	M.	1803.
	H.	1804.
	E.	1814.
	H.	1815.
	H.	1817.
Judgments on Postea, . . .	M.	1791.
Judgments on Postea and Inquisitions.	M.	1753-1754.
Judgments on Sci. Fa. . . .	M.	1807.
	T.	1819.
Levaris,		1793-1796.
		1812, 1814.
Nil Dicis,	E.	1786.
	E.	1794.
	H. ²	1805.
	T.	1808.
	E.	1811.
	M.	1812.
	H.	1815.
	M.	1816.
	M.	1818.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—continued.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Injured Filings, viz.—continued.		
Nil Sci. Fa.	M.	1773.
Non Reta.	H.	1785.
		1791.
	H.	1804.
		1804–1805.
	H. *	1807.
Pleadings,	H.	1768.
	E.	1782.
	H.	1783.
	E.	1784.
		1790–1792.
	H. E.	1791.
	H.	1795.
		1800.
	H.	1827.
Pleadings on which Records have issued.		1814–1816 to 1818.
Pleas in Ejectment, . . .		1776–1785.
Postons,	M.	1818.
Sci. Fa.		1789.
Venires,	H.	1822.
		1840.
		1848. (2)
Warrants of Attorney, . .		1806.
	M.	1812.
Inquisitions (with Sci. Fa.), .		1742, 1746.
"		1762–1766.
		1763–1778.
	H. ²	1770.
		1774.
		1777; 1777–1778.
	H.	1780.
	H.	1784.
		1785–1788.
	H. E. T. M.	1790.
		1792 to 1806.
		1810; 1812 to 1813.
		1815.
		1819. (2)
		1820.
Judgments on Confession, vide Injured Filings.	H.	1769; 1772.
		1773–1779.
	M.	1776.
	E.	1781.
	M.	1782.
	H.	1785.
	H. E.	1786.
	H.	1787.
	(H. and E.)	1789.
	T. M.	1790.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Period.
Judgments on Confession— <i>continued.</i>	H. ³ E. T. M.	1791.
	M.	1792; 1793.
	T. M.	1794.
	E. T. M. ²	1795.
	E. (T. & M.)	1796.
	H. E. T.	1797.
	H. ² E. T.	1798.
	H. ³ M.	1799.
	H. E. T.	1800.
	H. E. ²	1801.
	H. E. T. M.	1802.
		1802.
	H. ³ T. M.	1803.
	E. T.	1804.
	H. T.	1805.
	E. T. M.	1806.
	H. M.	1807.
	H. E. T. M.	1808.
	H. M.	1810.
	H. E.	1811.
	T. M.	1813.
	E. T.	1814.
	H. ³ E. M. ²	1815.
	H. ²	1816.
	E. T. M.	1817-1818.
	H. E. M.	1819.
	H. T. M.	1821.
	E. ²	1822.
	H. E.	1823.
		1829.
Judgments on Confession and in Ejectment.	T.	1764.
	E. T.	1787.
	H. E. T. M.	1788.
		1789.
	H. E.	1790.
Judgments by Default and on Confession, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	E.	1792.
		1757.
	T.	1762; 1765.
		1765-1766.
		1771.
		1773-1775.
	H.	1779.
		1784.
		1786.
		1792; 1798.
(And in Ejectment).	M.	1804.
		1805.
	E.	1806, 1807.
	(E. & T.)	1808.
	T.	1810 to 1812.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—continued.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Judgments by Default and on Confession—continued.	H. E. T.	1815. 1820.
Judgments in Ejectment, vide Injured Filings.	H.	1756 ; 1780.
	H. T.	1785.
	H. T.	1790.
	H. T. M.	1791.
	H. E.	1792.
	H. E. M.	1793.
	H. E. T. M.	1794.
	H. E. M.	1795.
	H. E. T. M.	1796.
	H. E. T.	1797.
	H. E. T. M. ²	1798.
	H. E. T. M.	1799, 1800.
	H. T. M.	1801.
	H. T.	1802.
	H. E. M.	1803.
	H. T. M.	1804.
	(H. & E.)	1804.
	H. T. M.	1805.
	H. E. M.	1806.
	H. E. T. M.	1807.
	H. T. M.	1808.
	H. E. T.	1808.
	H. E. T. M.	1809, 1810.
	H. T.	1811.
	H. E. T. M.	1811.
	H. E. T. M.	1812.
	H. E. T. M.	1813.
	H. E. T. M.	1814.
	H. E. T. M.	1815.
	H. ² T. M.	1816.
	H. E. T. ²	1817.
	H. E. T. M.	1818.
	H. E. T.	1819.
	H. E. ² T. M.	1820.
	H. E. T.	1821.
	H. E.	1822.
	H.	1823, 1824.
	H. E.	1825.
	H. E.	1827.
	H. E.	1829.
	H. E. M.	1830.
	H. E. T. M.	1831.
Judgments on Inquisition, vide Injured Filings.	H. E.	1771.
	H. E.	1776.
	H.	1782.
	E. M.	1785.
	E.	1789.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
<i>Judgments on Inquisition— continued.</i>	T.	1790.
	T. M.	1791.
	H. E. T. M.	1792.
	H. T. ² M.	1793.
	E. T. M.	1794.
	H. E. T. M.	1795.
	H. T.	1796.
	H. T. M.	1797.
	H. ² M. ²	1798.
	H. ² E. T. M.	1799.
	H. T. M.	1800.
	(E. & T.)	1800.
	H. E. T. M.	1801.
	H. E. ² T. M.	1802.
	E. ² T.	1803.
	H. E. ² T. ² M.	1804.
	H. ² E. T. M.	1805.
	H. E. M.	1806.
	H. E. T. ² M.	1807.
	H. E. T. M.	1808 to 1810.
	E. T. M.	1811.
	E. M.	1812.
	H. E. T.	1813.
	H. T. M.	1814, 1815.
	E. M.	1816.
	E. (T. & M.)	1817.
	M.	1818.
		1818.
	H. E. M.	1819.
		1820.
		1822.
<i>Judgments on Nil Dicits, vide Injured Filings.</i>		1745-1746.
	T.	1760.
	H.	1761.
	T. M.	1762.
	(H. & E.)	1763.
	E. T. M.	1763.
	H. E. M.	1764.
		1766.
	E. M.	1766.
	T.	1767; 1767.
		1768.
		1768-1770.
		1769.
		1770-1781.
	(H. & E.) M.	1770.
	T.	1771.
		1772.
		1772-1775.
	T.	1773.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Judgments on Nil Dicits— <i>continued.</i>	E.	1774.
		1776.
	E.	1777.
		1778.
	H.	1780.
		1780-1781.
		1781.
		1782-1786.
	E. T.	1782; 1783.
	H. E. T. M.	1783.
	[E. T.]	1783.
		1783-1784.
	H. E. T. M.	1784; 1784.
	H. E. T.	1785.
		1786.
	E. T. M.	1787.
	H. E. T. M.	1788 to 1789.
	H. E.	1790.
	H. E.	1791; 1791.
	E. M.	1792.
	E. T. M.	1793.
	H. E. T. M.	1794; 1794.
	H. E. T.	1795; 1795-1797.
	H. E. T. M.	1796.
	H. E.	1797; 1797.
		1798; 1798-1799.
	E. T. M.	1799; 1799.
		1799-1800.
	H. E.	1800.
	H. E. T.	1801; 1801.
	H. E. T. M.	1802; 1802.
	H. E. T. M.	1803.
	[E. M.]	1803; 1803-1804.
	H. E. T. M.	1804.
	H. E. T. M.	1805.
	H. E. T. M.	1806.
		1807-1808.
	E. M.	1808.
	H. E. T. M.	1809; 1809.
	H. E. T. M.	1810.
	H. E.	1811.
	E. T. M.	1812.
	H. E. T. M.	1813.
	H. E. T.	1814.
	E.	1815.
	H. E. T.	1816.
	H. E. T. M.	1817.
	H. T. M.	1818.
		1819; 1819.
		1822.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—continued.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Judgments on Nil Dicits— <i>continued.</i>		1823. 1828. 1831. 1833. 1743.
Judgments on Postea, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	M.	1772-1773.
	M.	1775.
	H.	1782.
	M.	1787, 1789.
	T.	1790 to 1793.
	E.	1791 to 1793.
	M.	1792, 1793.
	H. E. T.	M. ^a 1794.
	H. E. T.	M. 1795 to 1797.
	H. E.	M. ^a 1798.
	H. E. T.	M. 1799.
	H.	M. 1800.
	H. E. T.	1801; 1801.
	M.	1802; 1802.
	H. T.	M. 1803.
	H.	M. 1804.
		1805 to 1806.
	M.	1806.
	E.	1810.
	H.	1815; 1815.
		1818 to 1820.
	E.	1821.
	M.	1822.
		1825.
		1829.
		1831 to 1833.
		1835.
Judgments on Postea and In- quisition, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	H.	1763. 1769.
	H.	1770; 1770-1775.
		1774.
	H.	1775.
		1777.
	E.	1778.
		1779.
	E. T.	1782.
	H. E. T.	M. 1783.
	H. E. T.	M. 1784.
	H. E.	1785.
	H. T.	M. 1786.
	H. E. T.	1787.
	E. T.	M. 1788.
	H. T.	1789.
	H. E.	M. 1790.
	H.	1791.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—continued.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Judgments on Postea and Inquisitions—continued. Judgments on Scire Facias, vide Injured Filings.		M. 1792.
		1794.
	H. E.	1743.
		M. 1769.
		1771; 1773 & 1780.
	E.	[1772, 1774, 1775.
	T.	1787.
	H. T.	M. 1770.]
	T.	1772.
	H.	1773.
	H.	1774.
	H.	1775.
	H. E.] [T. M.]	1776.
		1777; 1777-1780.
		1778-1782.
	E. T.	1779.
	T.	1780.
	E.	1782; 1782.
	H. E.	1783.
	[H. E.]	1783; 1783-1785.
	T. M.	1784.
		1785.
	H. E.	1786.
	[E. T.]	1786.
	E. T.	M. 1787.
	H. T.	M. 1788.
	E.	M. 1789.
	H. E.	M. 1790, 1791.
	E. T.	M. 1792; 1792-1795.
	H.	1793.
	E.	M. 1794.
	H.	M. 1795.
	H. E. T.	M. 1796.
	H. T.	M. 1797.
	E. T.	M. 1798.
	H. E. T.	M. 1799.
	E. T.	M. 1800, 1801.
	H. T.	M. 1802.
	H. E. T.	M. 1803.
	E.	1804; 1804.
		1804; 1805.
	E. T.	M. 1805.
	T.	1805.
	E. T.	1807.
		M. 1808; 1808.
	E. T.	1809.
	H. E.	M. 1810.
	H. E.	M. 1811.
	T.	M. 1812.
	H.	1813.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued*.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Judgments on Scire Facias— <i>continued</i> .	E. M.	1815, 1816. 1818; 1818. 1819.
	E.	1820; 1820. 1821.
Levaris, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings, .	H.	1786. 1812. 1816-1818. 1817.
" (with other Writs), .	H.	1818.
" (with Non Ests), .		1818-1820.
Miscellaneous:		
A file of Judgments and Pleadings of various kinds.		1770-1782.
A file of Pleadings, Ejectments, Writs, and Judgments.		1790-1802.
A file of Declarations and Pleas.		1809-1814.
Mr. John Carey's Papers.		
Mr. Farran's Letters and Papers.		
Mr. Farran's Judgments, marked but not entered up.		1800-1801.
Mr. Richard Patten's Papers.		1815.
Nil Scire Facias, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	H.	1753, 1768. 1770-1780. 1775-1778. 1789. 1790-1791. 1790-1798. 1802-1816. 1822.
Non Ests, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.		1753. 1761-1762; 1762. 1771, 1772. 1777, 1779, 1780. 1779.
	H.	1783 to 1785. 1785.
	H.	1787, 1788. 1788, 1789. ²
	M.	1790. 1792 and 1794.
	M.	1794. 1797. ²
	H. E. M.	1798.
	[H. E.]	1798.
	T. M.	1799.
	H. [E. T.] M.	1800.

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Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Non Ests— <i>continued.</i>	[H. E.] T.	1801. ²
	[H. E.] [T. M.]	1802.
	[H. E.] M.]	1803.
	[H. E.] T. ²	1804.
	E. M.	1805.
	E. M.	1806.
	[T. M.]	1806.
	E. M.	1807.
	[[H. E.] T.]	1808.
	[E. T.] M.	1809.
	[E. T.]	1810.
	[T. M.]	1810.
		1810-1815.
	H. T. M.	1811.
	[H. E.]	1811, 1812.
	T.	1812.
	[E. T.]	1813; 1813.
	[E. T.]	1814.
	(T. M.)	1814.
	E. T. M.	1815.
	H. M.	1816.
	H. ²	1817.
	M.	1818.
	H.	1819.
	M.	1820.
Pleadings, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	H.	1741.
		1742, 1743. ²
	T.	1747.
	E. T.	1751.
		1752.
	H. T.	1755.
	T.	1757 & 1759.
	T.	1762; 1763.
	E. M.	1765.
		1766.
	H. T.	1767; 1767.
	T.	1769; 1769-1770.
	M.	1770, 1771.
	H.	1774, 1776.
	T. M.	1779.
	H.	1780, 1781.
		1780-1790. ²
		1781-1783.
		1782.
	H.	1783.
	H. E.	1784.
	H.	1785; 1785.
	H. E. T. ² M.	1786.
		1787; 1787-1789.
		1787-1799.

SCHEDULE OF RECORDS OF LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Pleadings— <i>continued</i> .		1788.
	H. E. T.	1789; 1789.
	H. M.	1790.
		1791.
	T.	1792; 1792.
" (in assumpsit),	T. M.	1793; 1793.
		1793-1795.
	H.	1794; 1794.
	H.	1795; 1795-1796.
	T. M.	1796; 1796. ²
	E.	1797; 1797.
	H.	1798; 1798-1799.
		1799; 1799-1801.
	T.	1799.
		1800, ² 1801.
		1801-1802. ²
" (Nisi Prius),		1801-1803.
	T.	1802.
		1802 to 1806.
	T.	1805.
	E.	1806; 1806-1809.
		1807, 1808.
		1808-1815.
		1808-1816.
		1808-1820.
		1809-1811.
		1809-1820.
		1809, 1810.
		1810-1811.
		1810-1814.
		1811; 1811-1822.
		1812-1818.
		1812, 1813.
		1813-1820.
		1814-1820. ²
		1814 to 1817.
		1817-1821.
		1818 to 1821.
	M.	1821; 1821-1823.
		1822 to 1825.
		1825-1826.
		1826, 1827. ²
		1828-1829.
		1828.
		1830, ² 1830-1831.
		1831, 1832.
	M.	1832.
		1833, 1834. ²
		1834-1835. ²
		1834-1837.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—continued.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Pleadings—continued.		1835, 1836.
" mixed file of,	E.	1837.
		1794-1806.
		1800-1810.
		1804-1816.
		1813-1814.
		1816-1818.
Pleas of Confession,	H.	1776-1780.
		1791-1797.
		1805-1813.
		1811 to 1816.
Pleas in Ejectment, vide In-		1783.
jured Filings.		1788.
		1793, 1794.
		1817.
	H.	1820.
Posteas, vide Injured Filings,	T.	1745.
	H.	1759.
	T.	1761.
		1764-1765.
		1766.
		1770-1772.
		1773, 1774.
		1776-1784.
		1779; 1781, 1782.
		1782-1784; 1784.
		1783; 1783-1786.
		1785.
	T.	1786.
		1787.
	M.	1788.
		1790.
	H.	1792.
		1794-1796.
	H. E. T.	1796.
		1796-1800.
		1797, 1798.
	M.	1798.
		1799.
	R.	1800.
(H. R.)		1800.
H.	T. M.	1801.
(H. E.)		1801.
E		1802; 1802.
		1803.
	E. T.	1804; 1804.
		1806; 1809, 1810.
		1811-1812.
		1814-1816.
	T.	1819.
		1821, 1822.

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parol.
Posteas— <i>continued.</i>		1822-1823. 1823-1825. 1824-1828. 1824-1829. 1827-1829. 1829-1830. 1829, 1830. 1831-1832. 1832; 1832-1834. 1834. 1835,* 1836.* 1837. 1838-1841.*
Posteas and Inquisitions,	H.	1771-1773. 1777. 1779, 1781. 1786.
Reports,	E.	1804-1808. 1808, 1818. 1837 to 1842. 1792-1800. 1802. 1804-1823. 1816-1817. 1818-1819; 1819.
Scire Facias, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings.	H. H.	1824. 1752. 1757-1761. 1766-1788. 1785-1789. H. 1786-E. 1794. 1804-1817. T. 1821-E. 1825. 1824-1825. 1825-1832.* 1831-1833. 1832-1834. 1835-1836. 1839, 1840. 1800. 1781-1787. 1822-1840. 1780. 1790-1799. 1797-1798. 1800. 1805, 1806. 1808.
Scire Facias, Pleas to,	H. H.	
Second Declarations,		
Special Juries, file of,	T.	
Suggestions, file of,		
Venires, <i>vide</i> Injured Filings,		

SCHEDULE of RECORDS of LAW EXCHEQUER—*continued*.

Nature of Record.	Term.	Year of Parcel.
Venires— <i>continued</i> .		1813. 1814; 1814-1815. 1816-1817. 1817-1818; 1818. 1818-1820. 1822-1824. 1825-1826. 1831-1832. 1833-1834. T. 1836; 1836. ⁴ 1837. ⁴ 1837-1839. 1838. 1839; 1839-1840. 1840. 1841; ⁵ 1841-1842. 1842.
Warrants of Attorney, <i>vide</i> In- jured Filings.	H. T. M. M. T. M. H. ³ R. M. H. T. M. H. E. T. H. R. T. H. E. T. M. E. T. H.	1802. 1803. 1805. 1806. 1807. 1808. 1809. 1810. 1811. 1812. 1812; 1812-1813. 1813. 1835. 1760-1825. 1779. 1782-1784. 1803. 1804-1805. 1806. 1814, 1815. ³ 1816. 1818. R. 1820.
Writs,		

APPENDIX No. 8.

EXTRACT from AD INTERIM REPORT of the ASSISTANT DEPUTY
KEEPER on the RECORDS of the EQUITY EXCHEQUER.

The equity jurisdiction of the Court of Exchequer was transferred to the Court of Chancery by the Act 13th & 14th Victoria, chapter 51, entitled "An Act for the Transfer of the Equitable Jurisdiction of the Court of Exchequer to the Court of Chancery in Ireland," to take effect from the 1st day of August, 1850, and the Records belonging to it were, in accordance with that Act, transferred to various offices in Chancery.

In my reports of last year, the one dated the 25th day of September, 1863, on the transfer of the Records of the Affidavit Office, Chancery, and the other dated the 30th of November, 1868, on the transfer of the Records of the Registrar's Office, Chancery, I pointed out that along with each collection I had removed certain Records of the Equity Exchequer, upon which I promised to make a full report this year. I find, however, that, though, in addition to the Records above mentioned, there has been transferred to this Department Equity Exchequer Records from the Recognizance Office, Chancery, the Examiner's Office, Chancery, and from the Record Rooms in the Benchers' Buildings, lately in charge of the Rolls Office, forming, taken together, the great bulk of the collection, I would not be at present justified in attempting to offer you a complete report on the Records of this Court, as there are still Records belonging to it which will be transferred to us during the ensuing year. I have, therefore, prepared a full and exhaustive Schedule of the series of Records that have up to this date been transferred to this Department, stating from what Office they come, and the dates between which the series extend, which will, I trust, be of use to the public until I am able to prepare a more full and minute report. When I state that up to this date there have been transferred to this department 5,238 bundles or separate parcels of Records belonging to the Equity Exchequer, each parcel containing on an average over one hundred Records, you may be enabled to form a definite notion of the size of the collection.

In reference to the operations of sorting, bundling, and arranging the mass of Pleadings for removal, I append a memorandum furnished to me by Mr. Tucker, under whose immediate inspection these Records were prepared for entry and removal.

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A SCHEDULE of the EQUITY EXCHEQUER RECORDS transferred to the Public Record Office of Ireland.

Nature of Record.	Transferred from	Range of Series.
Affidavits,	Affidavit Off., Chancery,	1800-1850
" (of service),	Benchers' Buildings, .	1734-1752
Answers to Bills,	Affidavit Off., Chancery,	1772-1850
" (never filed),	Benchers' Buildings, .	1648-1850
Appearance Books,	"	Undated.
Attachments (Books),	"	1684-1833
" for Costs,	"	1684-1845
Attorneys' Consents,	"	1733-1818
Awards,	"	1705-1722
Barons' Certificates,	"	1700-1850
" Reports,	"	1692-1807
" Warrants,	"	1676-1823
Bills,	"	1692-1807
Bills, Tithe,	"	1648-1850
Certificates,	"	19 Jan. 1835- 18 Aug. 1838
" Barons,	Benchers' Buildings and Examiner's Office.	1813-1850
" Chief Remembrancer,	"	1692-1807
" Judges,	"	1630-1817
Chief Remembrancer's Reports,	"	1770-1849
Commission and Subpoena Books,	"	1630-1717
Commissioners' names to take Affidavits and Depositions.	"	1687-1849
Consents,	"	1732-1822
" Attorneys',	Benchers' Buildings and Chancery Registrar's Office.	1713-1850
Costs, Attachments for,	Benchers' Buildings, .	1705-1722
Decrees,	"	1733-1818
Decree Rolls,	Benchers' Buildings and Rolls Office.	1624-1850
Decretal Orders,	Benchers' Buildings, .	1785-1843
Deed Books,	"	1657-1763
Depositions in Aid,	"	1715-1798
Depositions in Chief,	"	1637-1826
Exceptions,	Benchers' Buildings and Examiner's Office.	1650-1850
Exceptions to Answers to Inter- rogatories.	Benchers' Buildings, .	1708-1781
Exceptions to Barons' and Officers' Reports.	"	1693-1826
Execution and Writ Books,	"	1603-1826
Hearing Books,	"	1714-1771
N.B.—Prior to 1731, the Hear- ings were kept in the Note or Rule Books.	Benchers' Buildings and Chancery Registrar's Office.	1791-1850
Hearing, Notes on,	Benchers' Buildings, .	1715-1796
House of Lords' Orders,	"	1706-1846
Injunction Orders,	"	1717-1771

A SCHEDULE of the EQUITY EXCHEQUER RECORDS—*continued.*

Nature of Record.	Transferred from	Range of Series.
Judges' Certificates, . . .	Benchers' Buildings, .	1770-1849
Minors' Petitions, . . .	"	1721-1781
Motions, Notices of, . . .	Benchers' Buildings and Examiner's Office.	1819-1850
Note or Rule Books, . . .	Benchers' Buildings and Chancery Registrar's Office.	1678-1850
Notes on Hearing, . . .	Benchers' Buildings, .	1715-1796
Notices of Motion, . . .	Benchers' Buildings and Examiner's Office.	1819-1850
Officers' Reports, . . .	Benchers' Buildings, .	1758-1806
Order Books, . . .	"	1675-1761
Orders, . . .	"	1683-1850
„ to receive Answers with- out Oath.	"	1761-1809
„ Decretal, . . .	"	1657-1763
„ to examine Witnesses, . . .	"	1685-1800
„ for Hearings, . . .	"	1734-1800
„ House of Lords', . . .	"	1706-1846
„ Injunctions, . . .	"	1717-1771
„ to pay Money out of Court, of Reference, . . .	"	1783-1785
Paupers' Petitions, . . .	"	1703-1782
Petitions, . . .	"	1709-1710
	Benchers' Buildings and Chancery Registrar's Office.	1702-1850
Petitions, Pauper, . . .	Benchers' Buildings, .	1709-1710
„ Minors', . . .	"	1721-1781
„ for Receivers, . . .	"	1835-1850
Powers of Attorney, . . .	"	1659-1795
Receivers, Petitions for, . . .	"	1835-1850
Recognizances, . . .	Chancery Recognizance Office.	1772-1850
Reduction Books, . . .	Benchers' Buildings, .	1684-1812
Reference, Orders of, . . .	"	1703-1782
Reports, Barons', . . .	"	1676-1823
Reports, Chief Remembrancers', . . .	"	1635-1782
Reports, Officers', . . .	"	1758-1806
Reports of Sale, . . .	"	1774-1779
Rolls, Decree, . . .	"	1785-1843
Rule or Note Books, . . .	Benchers' Buildings and Chancery Registrar's Office.	1678-1850
Sale, Reports of, . . .	Benchers' Buildings, .	1774-1799
Service, Affidavits of, . . .	Affidavit Office, .	1717-1850
Submissions, . . .	Benchers' Buildings, .	1716-1849
Subpoena and Commission Books, . . .	"	1687-1849
Tithe Bills, . . .	"	19 Jan. 1835- 18 Aug. 1838
Warrants of Attorney, . . .	"	1795-1814
„ Barons', . . .	"	1692-1807
Writ Books, . . .	"	1679-1785

MEMORANDUM from Mr. TUCKER, above referred to.

As regards the arrangements and preparation of the Bills, Answers, and Decrees of the Court of Equity Exchequer, deposited in Benchers' Buildings, for transfer to this office, I commenced with the Bills and Answers, the first of which dates from the year 1648. It was the practice to place together the Bills and Answers on the one file, which practice continued down to the year 1801. I found this part of the collection in tolerably fair order, save that in the Pleadings for the year 1793 a great quantity of the contents of the shelves had fallen on the floor from opposite sides, and had got mixed up in great confusion with other dates. These I had carefully sorted, collated, and placed in their proper dates and years. I then caused the whole to be divided into small bundles, suitable for trammelling after the same manner as I had previously treated the Chancery Pleadings, having them indorsed with temporary labels attached to the several bundles, giving the first and last dates of each; this portion of the collection had been placed on the shelves in the full length of the skin, and amounted to 1,906 bundles.

From the year 1801, two changes were made, viz., in the use of separate files for Bills and Answers, and in the size of the parchment skins on which they were written. This latter change having come in gradually, caused me a great deal of trouble, as I had to have all the documents opened for some years previous, and the large parchment skins folded to the size of the smaller ones, so as to make them fit the receptacles in the Treasury with the greatest economy of space; and while proceeding with this arrangement I found that this portion of the Pleadings was in very disordered and confused state, as, from having been placed in a double row, side by side in the shelves, without any division whatever, they had got mixed through each other.

I caused the pleadings from the year 1798 to 1825 to be sorted and arranged, placing those of each series by themselves in their proper months and years. From 1826 to 1839, I found that no order had been observed at all, save in the yearly divisions. These I treated in the same manner as the former, and had them tied up in convenient bundles, and placed in their shelves bookwise. Of this collection there are 354 bundles.

The Bills and Answers, subsequent to 1839, had been previously arranged.

The number of bundles of Bills in this series was 430, and of Answers 421, making a total in all of 841 bundles. Exclusive of the above series I found a large number of Title Bills from 1835 to 1838.

These having been left on the flat lengthwise, I had them arranged and folded bookwise, and placed in their shelves—the number of bundles of this series was 98.

During the process of sorting the above collection, I found several Chancery Bills and Answers among the Exchequer Records; I have restored these to their proper destinations among the Chancery Pleadings in the Record Treasury.

Towards the completion of my arrangements I found a large number of fragments of Bills and Answers. I made up 5 bundles of those with dates, from 1769 to 1846, and 22 bundles of some without any dates, also 4 bundles of Answers not having any dates of filing.

The Equity Exchequer decrees begin in 1624, and terminate in 1843, and were folded bookwise, and tied in large unwieldy yearly bundles, the contents of which had often got intermixed. I had them all opened, sorted according to date, pressed and numbered with a running number for each year, for facility of reference. They were then tied up in convenient sized paper portfolios, and form a series of 225 bundles.

APPENDIX 9.

EXTRACT from REPORT of the ASSISTANT DEPUTY KEEPER on the preparation for TRANSFER and REMOVAL of the RECORDS of the REVENUE EXCHEQUER deposited in BENCHERS' BUILDING.

The first floor of Benchers' Building consisted of eight rooms, numbered consecutively from 1 to 8. No. 1 was vacant; No. 5 contained Equity Exchequer Records; and No. 6, Records belonging to the Law Exchequer. The remaining five rooms were closely packed with Records belonging to the Revenue Exchequer, of which I purpose now to treat.

These Revenue Exchequer Records belong entirely to those Departments of the Court of Exchequer abolished by the Act 5 & 6 Wm. IV., cap. 55, relating to proceedings by Custodiam, and proceedings for the Collection of Casual Revenue. By this Act, the following Offices were abolished, viz.: "The Offices of Comptroller of the Pipe, Clerk of the Pipe, Summonister and Clerk of the Estreats, and Transcripitor and Foreign Apposer, and the Office of Secondary in the Office of Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer;" and the process of Sheriff's Accounting was greatly simplified. Sheriffs were from that date to be appointed by the warrant of the Lord Lieutenant, or the Executive of Ireland for the time being; they were no longer to be required to sue out any Patents or Writs of Assistance; to make or pay Proffers; or to be apposed, or cast out of Court, and the form of their taking oath was altered, and limited merely to the oath of office. The three processes also (commonly called the Green Wax Processes), issued by the Lord Treasurer's Remembrancer for the collection of the Casual Revenue, were consolidated into one writ, to be issued by the Chief Remembrancer, and "without fee or reward." Up to this time the practice under which every officer was paid by fees collected in his office, had acted prejudicially upon the different series and classes of Records, and upon the manner in which they were kept and indexed. As a rule, no indices were preserved or made, for they would have diminished greatly the fees for searching; an Index Book would have shown an inquirer at a glance whether the particular document he was in search of existed or not, but when the Records themselves had to be examined for every separate name, many searches had to be paid for before the Inquirer could ascertain whether the Record he sought was in the office or not. Again, several of the classes of Records herein reported on are merely copies of one another, kept in different Offices of the Court, seemingly for no other purpose but the multiplication of fees. To such an extent did this practice prevail, that Processes were issued which appear to have been merely superfluous, and in direct opposition to the Rules of the Court.

By the 1 & 2 Vic, cap. 99, all Fines, Penalties, Issues, Decadends, Amerciaments, and Forfeited Recognisances, commonly known as Casual Revenue, and collected by the Chief Remembrancer, by means of the consolidated Green Wax Process, were to be levied thenceforward by Warrants, to be executed by the Constabulary or Police.

In relation to the proceedings concerning grants in Custodiam, the Act 5 & 6 Wm. IV., cap. 55, instituted a complete revolution; it enacted that no grant in Custodiam for recovery of any debt or demand should for the future be made, with the sole exception of grants in Custodiam

in trust for His Majesty, and for debts certified by the Attorney or Solicitor General for Ireland to be due to the Crown, making it lawful for any person who had a Custodiam grant in being, to apply to the Equity side of the Exchequer for a Receiver over the lands in question, and for any person requiring a grant in Custodiam in the future, that he should apply, in lieu thereof, by Petition to the Court of Chancery or the Equity side of the Exchequer, for a Receiver, which Receiver, unlike a Custodee, who was only bound to account when called upon by the Order of the Court, should account annually.

The Records belonging to the Offices abolished, as above mentioned, were directed by the same Act to be delivered into the hands and care of the Chief Remembrancer, to be by him preserved, subject to such Rules, Orders, and Regulations, as he, with the Lord Chief Baron and the other Barons of the Exchequer, should ordain and make. They were accordingly received by the Chief Remembrancer, and retained in his custody and the custody of his officers, until the abolition of the Equity Jurisdiction of the Exchequer, and the office of Chief Remembrancer by the Act 13 & 14 Vic., cap. 50.

It then became necessary to provide for their future custody, and in pursuance of the 13th section of the last-mentioned Act, an Order, with two schedules annexed, was made by the Lord Chancellor and the Lord Chief Baron, on the 9th December, 1852. The first Schedule contained the Records that were intended to be handed over to the custody of the Rolls Office, but which, with the exception of the following, now preserved in this Department among the Records of Chancery transferred from the late Rolls Office, were really placed in the custody of the Master of the Exchequer, viz. :

Plea Roll	6 Ed. I.	Plea Roll,	18 Ed. II.
"	9 "	"	1 Ed. III.
"	31 "	"	1 & 3 "
"	4 Ed. II.		
"	5 & 6 "	"	6 "
"	9 "	"	9 & 10 "
"	10 "	"	2 Hen. IV.
" Placita coram Justiciario," or Rolls of Assize.			
	28 Ed. I.		6 Ed. II.
33 & 34	"		7 Ed. III.
34	"	41 & 42	"
35	"		

Returns of Sub-Commissioners on Forfeitures of 1688.

Armagh,	Leath,
Carlow,	Meath,
Kildare, No. 1.	Monaghan,
Kilkenny,	Westmeath,
Londonderry,	Wicklow;

Notaries' Certificates, 1471-1541; 25 of the Patent and 11 of the Close Rolls belonging to the Chancery series.

A Flant of 1606.

Exemplifications, Hen. VII. to Cromwell.

Deeds, James I.; Chas. I. and II.; Jas. II.; Wm. and Mary; Wm. III.; Anne and Geo. II.

Probates, 1586 to 1782.

The Second Schedule contained the Records that were transferred to the custody of the Master of the Exchequer, and placed in these Record Rooms in the Benchers' Building. Of these, the following were after-

wards under the directions of the then Master of the Exchequer, with the object of greater security and increased facility of access, removed from the Benchers' Building and placed in the Master's Court, viz. :—

Rolls of Connaught Certificates.

„ Adventurers' and Soldiers' Certificates.

„ Decrees of Innocents.

„ "Forty-nine Lots"

„ Quit-Rent Reducements.

Pipe Roll, 45 & 46 Hen. III.

Memoranda Rolls.

Communia Rolls.

Originalia Rolls, 35 Eliz. (2); 36 & 39 Eliz.; 37 Eliz.; Jas. I.; 1611; 1661-65; 1662-63; 26 & 27 Chas. II.

Inquisitions.

Books of Tenures.

Book of Orders of Court of Claims, 6 June, 1654; 29th October, 1655.

Book of Decrees of Court of Claims, 25th July; 14th October, 1654.

Book of Orders in Exchequer on Claims, Hilary, 1655; November, 1657.

Fourth Journal of Commissioners under Act of Settlement, 11th March, 1666; 13th December, 1667.

Order Book of Commissioners of Reducement, 1675-1709; 1679-1697.

The Red Book.

The Black Book.

Valor Beneficiorum.

Register's Book; Commissioners of Ecclesiastical Causes, 1570-73.

Book of Subsidies, 1661-70.

Inventory of Utensils in Custom Houses, 1663.

Dockets for Judgments.

Book of Homage Fines, E. 1610-M. 1612; E. 1627-F. 1629; 1629; 1629-32.

Book of Respite of Homage Fines, 1625-26; 1630-38; 1632-39; 1639-41.

Book of lands for which Fines for Respite of Homage were paid, Jas. I.

Book of lands passed on Surveys of Connaught, chargeable with Respite of Homage, 1616-32.

Book of Fines and Amercements, 1656-65.

Repertories to Inquisitions, Hen. VIII.-Eliz.; Jas. I. and Chas. I. (Calendar 14-25 Hen. VIII.)

Memoranda Rolls, Ed. I.-Ed. III.; Ed. VI.-Eliz.; 1-29 Eliz.; Jas. I.-Chas. I.; Chas. II.

Communia Rolls, 1605-27.

Originalia Rolls, 1603-26; 1627-36; 1637-41.

Claimants' Names, 1654-5.

Decrees of Innocence and Adventurers' and Soldiers' Certificates.

Connaught Certificates and Reducements of Quit-Rent.

These remain still in the custody of the Master of the Exchequer, and will be transferred to this Department with other Records of that Court.

The residue of the Records comprised in the Second Schedule, I have actually transferred. I found them in very good order and condition, and in no wise injured by damp or exposure. I have interfered as little as possible with the late Mr. Ferguson's arrangement and classification of them, though, at some future time, I hope to be allowed to present

to you a detailed calendar of such of the miscellanea as may be considered sufficiently valuable.

In my remarks and notes on the different series, I have endeavoured to be as short and concise as was consistent with clearness, and have refrained as much as possible from going into the general practice or history of the Court. Persons wishing to do this will get every information in Howard's Revenue Exchequer, from which I have derived the greatest assistance. In the three schedules below, I have endeavoured to show what series of Records are in existence, the periods through which they extend, and, where the titles did not sufficiently explain themselves, briefly to point out what they are. I have abstained from anything approaching a calendar or index of particulars, as I thought this was a work for a future time, and more extended experience of the Exchequer Records.

I found the two Schedules mentioned above, which were prepared by the late Mr. Ferguson, of the greatest assistance. I may remark here on the difficulty of separating the Records of the Equity and Revenue Exchequer, as in general they bear no entitlement by which they may be distinguished. In some cases they seem to have been confused.

I have given below three Schedules or Inventories:—The first, of those Records kept separately or on rolls; the second of the series kept as books; and the third, of miscellanea of which there is not sufficient to form independent classes or series.

The Records kept separately are:—

Affidavits upon which Motions, &c., have been founded,	1664-1835 in 173 bundles.
Assistance Schedules,	1708-1833 " 20 "
Attachments,	1682-1835 " 60 "
Bonds and Assignments thereof,	1638-1720 " 22 "
Certificates of Clerk and Comptroller of the Pipe,	1809-1829 " 2 "
Certificates, Consents, &c.,	1730-1835 " 8 "
" of different offices,	1825-1835 " 1 "
" of appointment of Mayors, Sheriffs, &c.,	1637-1835 " 13 "
Comptroller's Process to Collectors,	1786-1827 " 6 "
" " Sheriffs,	1765-1835 " 72 "
" " Treasurers,	1798-1817 " 18 "
Consents,	1776-1835 " 4 "
Constats of Fines,	1712-1816 " 24 "
Custodiam, Grants of,	1081-1835 " 236 "
" Charges, Discharges, Reports, and Exceptions,	1726-1835 " 11 "
" Constats,	1775-1835 " 8 "
" Orders,	1671-1834 " 15 "
" Rolls,	1716-1785 " 15 "
Estreats,	1787-1825 " 23 "
" of Inquisitions,	1633-1725 " 19 "
" of Outlawries, &c.,	1685-1835 " 50 "
Exannual Rolls,	1686-1728 " 26 "
Great Rolls of the Pipe,	1740-1818 " 95 "
Informations and Answers thereto,	1688-1850 " 70 "
Injunctions (Custodiam),	1724-1836 " 63 "
Inquisitions on Pipe Process,	1705-1798 " 7 "
Interrogatories and Depositions,	1657-1834 " 35 "
Leases (Treasurer's Remembrancer),	1753-1835 " 11 "

Nils,	1708-1833 in	53 bundles.
Notices, Admissions of,	1831-1835	1 "
" and Affidavits of Service thereof,	1775-1835	22 "
Orders (Revenue Exchequer),	1660-1765	147 "
Paper Books,	1740-1803	5 "
Petitions and Orders thereon,	1672-1826	114 "
Pleadings (Treasurer's Remembrancer),	1676-1835	9 "
Schedules of Nils from the Pipe,	1676-1808	98 "
Sheriff's Accounts,	1807-1834	10 "
" Accounts or Tot Rolls,	1740-1834	95 "
" Recognizances and Oaths,	1726-1785	10 "
Solicitor of Casual Revenue (Papers of),	1802-1834	12 "
Summonister's Process,	1774-1834	62 "
Tithe Schedules,	1833-1835	177 "
Treasurer's Remembrancer's Process,	1691-1810	84 "

Affidavits,

upon which Motions, &c., have been founded.

On some of the earlier Affidavits are entered the Orders of the Court made thereon; and in some cases, Affidavits of service are written on the orders for service.

Assistance Schedules.

These are also called "Schedules and Writs of Assistance," and contain Affidavits upon which to ground applications for Writs of Assistance, together with the Writs (which latter are directed to the Sheriffs for the time being), to assist the late Sheriffs for one whole year in collecting the sums of money set out in Schedules annexed to the Writs, due to them in virtue of their office.

Attachments

are Writs of Attachments directed to the Pursuivant of the Exchequer, to bring up Sheriffs before the Court for various causes. The returns thereto are indorsed on the backs of the Writs.

Bonds and Assignments, and Revocations of Bonds.

The earliest Bond is dated 1638, but the earliest Assignment appears to be 1663. There is a book that purports to be a book of the entries of "Assignments of Bonds from 1663 to 1681," but it only contains Assignments in the first three letters of the alphabet. The Bonds as early as 1658 are on printed forms with the names, dates, &c., filled in. These are from the Secondary's office.

Certificates of the Clerk, and the Comptroller of the Pipe,

are Certificates of Clerks of the Crown and Peace having filed their Entries, and of the payment by Sheriffs of sums into the Treasury.

Certificates and Consents.

These contain Certificates from the Clerk of the Pipe of Sheriffs having paid their Tots, and of Fines imposed on them for various causes; and Consents that the Sheriffs might have their Recognizances vacated, with papers in relation to the above.

Certificates of different Officers

of the Court of Exchequer; chiefly from the Pipe office.

Certificates of the Election, appointment and swearing into office of Mayors, Sheriffs and Bailiffs

transmitted to the Court of Exchequer, by the returning officer.

Comptroller's Process to Collectors of Forfeited Recognizances.

Bring Process issued by the Comptroller of the Pipe on forfeited Recognizances, when estreated into the Exchequer.

N.B. — No Recognizances were estreated out of the Petty Bag, Chancery, into the Exchequer; and the statute staple and statute merchant were estreated into Chancery.

Comptroller's Process to Sheriffs.

This is the second Process of the Pipe, also called Pipe process, issued in the Trinity vacation by the Comptroller upon the Transcripts made by the Clerk of the Pipe, out of the "Great Roll" into the "Paper Books," and is against body, goods, and lands. Howard states that this process is most unnecessary, and contrary to the Rules of the 25th November, 1685, and 28th November, 1709—(vide Summonster's Process.)

Comptroller's Process to Treasurers,

was directed to Treasurers of Counties.

Consents.

These were Consents to dissolve Custodiams, vacate Recognizances; and in other matters connected with the Casual Revenue.

Constats of Fines.

Fines on the Pleas side and those estreated into the Exchequer were delivered to the Summonster, and those in the Chief and Second Remembrancers' Offices to the Clerk of the Pipe: the above were the Certificates of Fines from the Office of the Clerk of the Pipe and Summonster, which those Officers made when it was intended to Plead or Move for their discharge; and also Constats or Certificates of the Clerk of the Pipe in relation to Custodiams, and the passing of Sheriffs' accounts, after fines had been imposed for delay.

Custodiams.

These are the original Grants of Custodiams, with the Exchequer Seal attached.

Custodiam Charges, Discharges, Exceptions and Reports.

These seem to be wanting from 1746 to 1768; and from 1782 to 1790. From 1726 to 1746, they consist of Charges and Discharges alone, but from that date the four descriptions of Documents seem to have been filed together. They are the proceedings upon an Order to account at foot of a Custodiam, before the Treasurer's Remembrancer, as follows: the Plaintiff filed his Charge, containing a statement of the debt due to him; the other party then filed his Discharge, consisting of an account of the Receipts from the lands, or the yearly value; upon these the Officer drew up his Report, to which either side might take exception, as well as to the Charge or Discharge.

Custodiam Constats

are formal Certificates of the existence of Custodiams, signed by the Clerk of the Pipe, after search made in his office.

Custodiam Orders

are copies made from the original Orders.

Custodiam Rolls.

The Enrolments of Custodiams were written on these parchment Rolls to the year 1785, from which date they were enrolled in books—(*vide* Custodiam Enrolment Books.)

Estreats

are the Estreats of all Recognizances forfeited at General Sessions and Assizes. They are arranged according to counties.

Estreats of Inquisitions.

These Rolls contain the Estreats from Inquisitions in Chancery, and will, doubtless, prove of value where the originals may have been lost—(*vide* miscellaneous list below).

Estreats of Outlawries and Inquisitions.

These Rolls were of Record with the Clerk of Estreats, and contain the Estreats of the returns of the Sheriffs to Writs, directing them to return what property in their respective counties was held by A. B., an outlaw, at the time of, or after his outlawry, which returns were made at the request of the Attorney-General; they also contain Estreats of Inquisitions upon Writs of *Levari Facias* thereto annexed.

Exannual Rolls

contain Entries for each county of the Casual Revenue due thereout. The periods for each county vary so much, that I have given in the Schedule above the earliest and latest dates I could find, without respect to the county. Jacob says, "In the old way of exhibiting Sheriffs' accounts, illeivable fines were transcribed in a Roll, called Exannual Roll, which was read yearly, to see what might be gotten."

Great Rolls of the Pipe,

labelled also "Pipe Rolls," and "Pipe Bundles." These are in two separate series, the one from 1740 to 1791, kept in yearly Rolls; the other from 1792 to 1818, kept in County Rolls. In continuation of the latter series are five bundles of Membranes, not made up. These Rolls were made out by the Clerk of the Pipe, of all Rents and Debts whatsoever brought into any of the other offices of the Exchequer, and accounted for in the Court, and of all the Debts that are in arrear, and unanswered for by the Sheriffs on passing their accounts.

Informations and Answers thereto,

being Informations by English Bill or otherwise, filed by the Attorney-General on behalf of His Majesty in the Secondary's office of the Chief Remembrancer. These will be supplemented by those at present in the custody of the Master of the Exchequer—a portion of the same series. There are two Information Entry Books, from 1699 to 1825, indexed alphabetically in Defendants' names, and continued to the year 1844, by Indexes in the custody of the Master of the Exchequer. N.B.—These Records do not peculiarly belong to any of the offices abolished in 1835, as they were of Record with the Chief Remembrancer.

Injunctions on Custodiams.

The Writs issued by the Chief Remembrancer to the Sheriffs, to put custodes in possession; with these are put up, especially among the earlier bundles, Writs of Seizure, Green Wax Process, *Levari Facias*, *Venire*, *Amoveas Manus* and Writs of Sale (*de Venditione*), &c.

Inquisitions on Pipe Process

are Inquisitions taken before the Sheriff, showing the Debts due on Pipe Process, by whom, and whether the Debtor had goods and chattels sufficient to satisfy the debt; with these are included Inquisitions on the other Green Wax Process.

Interrogatories and Depositions.

These are in pursuance of English bill, filed by way of Information in Crown cases.

Leases.

These consist of leases made for terms of three years by the Treasurer's Remembrancer of lands or tithes granted in custodiam, and directed to be set by him by public sale to the highest bidder, under an order of the Court, a copy of which order accompanies each lease. They are written on printed forms.

Nils.

These are the transcripts of the Nils (i.e. Nilh in Manibus) being all the sums for which the Sheriffs do not "tot," (Totum in Manibus) made out by the Foreign Apposer of the Exchequer, and sent by him to the Clerk of the Pipe; they are written on small parchment rolls. A few schedules of Nils from the Pipe are mixed with them.

Notices: Admissions of.

These are admissions of Notices by the Attorney-General in cases concerning Custodiams.

Notices and Affidavits.

Being Notices and Affidavits of the service thereof in cases relating to Custodiams.

Orders of Court.

These include some few Petitions, with orders thereon.

Paper Books

contain the transcripts from the Great Roll, made by the Clerk of the Pipe, of Nils of Sheriffs not reduced or discharged by order, sent to the Comptroller of the Pipe, and on which he issued the Comptrollers' or second Process.

Petitions and Orders thereon.

These are Petitions ex parte the Chief Remembrancer, directed to the Commissioners of Reducement, praying for reducement, discharges, &c., from fines, rents, &c. Among the earlier dates, in some cases, the orders alone exist.

Pleadings.

Being the Pleas of traverse, postea, Venire distringas, replications further pleas, rejoinders, interrogatories, exceptions thereto, pleadings to Estreats, and other pleadings in crown cases. There is one Entry Book for these from M. 1761 to 1835, indexed in Defendants' names.

Schedules of Nils

are the schedules of what sums were nil'd in the second Process of the Pipe, sent by the Clerk of the Pipe once a year to the Treasurers' Remembrancer, upon which issued the Treasurers' Remembrancer's Process or Long Writ.

Sheriffs' Accounts

are the accounts made out and brought in by the Sheriffs for their year of office.

Sheriffs' Account or Tot Rolls

contain the accounts of the Sheriffs, made out by the Comptroller of the Pipe, of the amounts of their Proffers and Tots, with the receipt of the Vice-Treasurer for Tots paid, and necessary Certificates attached. There is a small parchment Roll for each year and county.

Recognizances and Oaths (High Sheriffs').

The Sheriffs had each to enter into Recognizances of £500, with two sureties, conditioned to properly discharge the duties of their office with respect to His Majesty's Revenue, and also to take oaths to furnish true accounts of their office.

There is a series of Copies of Recognizances and Oaths from 1714 to 1832.

Solicitor of the Casual Revenue; Papers of.

This is a very miscellaneous lot, containing copies of letters to various officials, and of Documents issued from their Departments: also Briefs, Costs, Cases, and Opinions, Copies of Recognizances, Affidavits, Letter Books of the Solicitor, Copies of Orders, &c.

Summonster's Process.

This was the first Process, sometimes particularly called the "Green Wax Process," though the term was more generally and properly applied to the three Processes of the Summonster, Pipe and Treasurers' Remembrancer. It was issued twice in every year, viz. :—in Trinity and Hilary Vacation, by the Clerk of the Estreats and Summonster against the goods only, and was returned by the Sheriffs yearly, when they came to account. The three Processes after 1835 were consolidated in one Writ, to be issued by the Chief Remembrancer.

Tithe Schedules

are the Memorials and Schedules of Tithes under the Act 3 & 4 William IV., Cap. 100, Sec. 7, made by the owners of Tithes for the various parishes throughout Ireland, claiming compensation for loss of Tithes during the years 1831-2-3. Sec. 19 directs that these original Memorials shall be deposited in the proper office of the Exchequer, for the purpose of affording information to the Commission of Composition.

Treasurers' Remembrancers' Process.

This was the third Process, and was against body, goods, lands, heirs, executors and administrators, and was issued every Trinity Vacation upon the Schedules of the Pipe, sent from the Clerk of the Pipe to the Treasurers' Remembrancer. This is also called the Long Writ or Pre-rogative Writ. Down to the 28th November, 1709, it was issued till the debts were paid, or discharged: but from that date it was directed that it should issue but once, unless by particular order.

The Books are

Appearance Books,	.	.	.	1681-1845 in	3 volumes.
Attachment Books,	.	.	.	1700-1820 "	2 "
Attorneys' Licenses,	.	.	.	1815-1835 "	4 "
Bonds, Assignments of,	.	.	.	1663-1681 "	2 "
Cart Books,	.	.	.	1793-1835 "	3 "

Comptrollers' Books (Port of Dublin),	1661-1719 in 16 volumes.
" Journals, "	1662-1702 " 5 "
" Ledgers, "	1664-1702 " 4 "
Custodiam Grants, . . .	1686-1835 " 26 "
Custodiam Enrolments, . . .	1786-1835 " 12 "
Custodiam Rents, . . .	1711-1820 " 6 "
Docket Books, <i>Estreats of Inquisitions</i> , . . .	1761-1835 " 7 "
<i>Estreat Books</i> , . . .	1758-1815 " 3 "
" Great Roll" Books, . . .	1760-1820 " 4 "
Great Roll and Sheriffs' Entries, . . .	1820-1835 " 3 "
Ex parte Chief Remembrancer, . . .	1694-1673 " 40 "
Order Books, viz. :—	
Order and Rule Books, . . .	1592-1835 " 93 "
Absolute Orders, . . .	1666-1835 " 93 "
Conditional Orders, . . .	1699-1835 " 24 "
Custodiam Orders, . . .	1673-1835 " 33 "
Custodiam Orders (Ch. Rem.), . . .	1786-1820 " 8 "
Injunction Orders, . . .	1775-1835 " 18 "
Pipe Orders, . . .	1686-1835 " 21 "
Pipe Custodiam Orders, . . .	1773-1835 " 17 "
Pipe Discharge Orders, . . .	1773-1827 " 12 "
Pipe Reducement Orders, . . .	1790-1816 " 3 "
Port Books, . . .	1634-1759 " 35 "
Recognizance Books, . . .	1640-1720 " 6 "
Reducement Books, . . .	1684-1812 " 8 "
Sheriffs' Accounts, Constables, and Transcripts, . . .	1592-1835 " 20 "
Sheriffs' Debets, . . .	1696-1835 " 7 "
Sheriffs' " <i>Quietus Est</i> ," . . .	1683-1835 " 4 "
Sheriffs' Tot Books, . . .	1781-1835 " 3 "
Writ Books, . . .	1697-1785 " 5 "

Appearance Books

contain the entries of Appearances to Informations by the Attorney-General on behalf of His Majesty. The volumes from 1762 to 1831 are at present wanting. Indexed alphabetically in Defendants' Names. (*Vide Informations*.)

Attachment Books

contain entries of Writs of Attachment, made out day by day. The third volume, which contains at the end the Certificates of Appointments of Corporate Officers from 1793 to 1835, is much mutilated. (*Vide Estreat Books*.)

Attorneys' Licences.

Alphabetical lists of the Attorneys licensed in each year, with the dates of the licences.

Bonds, Assignments of.

In two volumes: Vol. 1, from 1663-81, contains the entries of names of Assignor and Assignee, dates and amounts of Bonds for the letters A. B. C. alone, and at the end, the "years value, issued in Prozesse to the respective counties, Hilary Terme, 1682." Vol. 2 contains merely the names of Assignor and Assignee, alphabetically arranged. There is no date to this volume, but it appears to be of about the same date as vol. 1.

Cant Books.

Notes of auctions, of lands, &c., held under Custodiam, with Certificates at foot of the sale thereof to the highest bidder.

Comptrollers' Books

contain the accounts of H. M. Revenue in the Port of Dublin, made out and sworn to by the Comptroller. The volumes from 1693 to 1697, and 1711 to 1717, are wanting.

Comptrollers' Journals.

Lettered A. E. G. H. I. K. The missing letters show the breaks in the series.

Comptrollers' Ledgers.

Lettered C. G. I. K. The missing letters show the blanks.

Custodiam Grants.

These are also styled Custodiam Leases, and are indexed alphabetically in names of Defendants. A volume, brought from the custody of the Master of the Exchequer, containing grants in Crown cases, continues the series to 1850. (*Vide Report above.*)

Custodiam Enrolments

are merely copies of the Custodiam Grants, for the purpose of Enrolment. (*Vide Custodiam Rolls.*)

Custodiam Rents.

These contain the entries of Custodiam Rents, arranged in counties, with the amounts and other particulars, and notes in the margin indicating when the Custodiams were dissolved. The last volume, though labelled as ending 1820, ends in 1800. (*Vide Great Roll.*)

Docket Books of Estreats of Inquisitions.

These are written in two columns, the first giving the names of causes, which are numbered consecutively in each Term; and the second, the names of counties. Vol. 3 (1773 to 1778) is wanting.

Estreat Books.

The first volume is entitled "Book of Estreats returned into the Second Remembrancers' Office," and contains lists of assizes and sessions for each county, with dates of holding them, and dates of return of Estreats. The second volume contains the Certificates of Appointments of Corporate Officers returned from 1758 to 1793. (*Vide Attachment Books.*)

Great Roll Books.

These contain Custodiam Rents, arranged in counties, and are either copies of the Custodiam Rent Books, or the originals thereof. There are also two volumes labelled "Great Roll, 1759, to present time" (1809), which are duplicate copies of the two first volumes.

Great Roll and Sheriff's Entries

are parchment books, and contain, in addition to Custodiam Rents, Lists of Process issued to Sheriffs. I think they are a continuation of the Great Rolls of the Pipe, which see.

*Orders.**Ex parte Chief Remembrancer.*

These books contain principally the Orders of the Equity Exchequer, but inasmuch as there are Revenue Orders amongst them, I have inserted them here. Indexed alphabetically in names of causes.

Order and Rule Books.

These are indifferently entitled Order or Rule Books to the year 1699, from which date they are exclusively entitled Rule Books. They are indexed alphabetically in names of causes. Prior to 1699 there are many gaps, the principal of which are from 1629 to 1657, 1666 to 1675, and 1690 to 1699. These Books contain the Minutes of the Rules made by the Court in matters relating to the Treasurers' Remembrancers' Office and the Casual Revenue, which were made out at greater length in the several series of Order Books undermentioned, viz. :—

Absolute Orders.

Gaps from 1666 to 1675, and 1678 to 1731, from which latter date these are quite regular. The title of these orders sufficiently points out their nature. Indexed alphabetically in the names of causes.

Conditional Orders

contain the Conditional Orders antecedent to the Absolute Orders above. Vol. 11 (circa 1797-1801) is missing. Indexed as above.

Custodiam Order Books

contain the Orders granting Custodiams. There is a gap from 1757 to 1763. Indexed in Defendants' names. (*Vide* Pipe Custodiam Orders.)

Custodiam Orders (Chief Remembrancer).

I do not understand the object of keeping this series in addition to the preceding, most of the orders in the two series being the same. These Orders are all on a set printed form, the names of causes, lands granted, &c., being filled in. Indexed alphabetically in names of causes.

Injunction Orders

directed to the Chief Remembrancer to issue Injunctions in Custodiam cases. Indexed as above.

Pipe Orders.

These are labelled simply "Pipe," and contain Copies of Orders relating to matters charged on the Pipe Roll. They consist of two series, one from 1686 to 1773—a gap from 1699 to 1704—and the other from 1792 to 1835, which last series is entitled inside "Orders to Dissolve Cust' and Particular Orders." The period between these series is apparently filled up by the Pipe Discharge and other Orders. Indexed alphabetically in names of causes.

Pipe Custodiam Orders.

These Books are Copies of the Custodiam Order Books (*vide supra*). They are indexed in names of causes.

Pipe Discharge Orders.

These contain the Orders discharging the Sheriffs, Clerks of the Crown and Peace, and Coroners, from the Fines indicted on them in matters connected with their Office for different delinquencies. They are indexed alphabetically in the names of the persons discharged.

Pipe Reduction Orders

are copies of Orders made by the Commissioners for the Reduction of Fines, &c., entered with the Clerk of the Pipe, the original Orders being made on foot of the Petitions presented to the said Commissioners. Indexed alphabetically in the names of persons whose Fines, &c., have been reduced. (*Vide* Petitions and Orders thereon.)

The above five series of Pipe Orders relate exclusively to charges on the Pipe Roll, and were kept for the use of the Offices of the Pipe. From 1778 they were referred to in these Offices, not according to the series as above, but according to a private office series of letters impressed on the edges of the leaves; for example:—

A—Pipe Custodiam Orders	.	.	.	1778 to 1780
B—Pipe Discharge Orders	.	.	.	1779 to 1784
C—Pipe Custodiam Orders	.	.	.	1780 to 1783
D—Pipe Custodiam Orders	.	.	.	1782 to 1784
E—Pipe Custodiam Orders	.	.	.	1784 to 1786
F—Pipe Discharge Orders	.	.	.	1784 to 1788
G—Pipe Custodiam Orders	.	.	.	1786 to 1789
H—Pipe Discharge Orders	.	.	.	1788 to 1791
I—Pipe Custodiam Orders	.	.	.	1789 to 1793
K—Pipe Discharge Orders	.	.	.	1790 to 1793
L—Pipe Reduction Orders	.	.	.	1790 to 1793
M—Pipe Orders (second series)	.	.	.	1792 to 1798
				<i>&c., &c.</i>

Port Books.

These were books annually issued from the Chief Remembrancer's Office, sealed with the seal of the Court of Exchequer, for the Customers and Comptrollers of the several ports of the kingdom, on each of which was indorsed "Portus ——. A Blank Booke containing — leaves for the Comptroller of the Port of —, his entry of all goods, wares, and merchandises, as well exported as imported into and out of the said port and the creeks, members, and places of the same by way of merchandize, A flecto Anuntiationis best' Mar' Virgin,—usq' ideum festum —." In some cases there are duplicates for the same port and year, one signed by the Comptroller, and the other by the Deputy Customer and Collector. They are for the Ports, as under, viz:—

Carrickfergus, from 1715 to 1718; Cork, 1704–59; Dingle, 1696–7; Drogheda, 1703; Dublin, 1710–58; Galway, 1697–1704; Kinsale, Bantry, and Baltimore, 1634; Kinsale, 1671–1755; Limerick, 1693–1724; Sligo, 1715–20; Strangford, 1719–20; Waterford, 1755–9; Wexford, 1693–1706; and Surveyor-General's Port Books, 1709–18.

Recognizance Books

contain the entries of the binding of Sheriffs in the sum of £1,000 before their appointments.

Reduction Books

contain entries of Recognizances reduced and respited, giving parties names and the amount reduced. The entries are numbered consecutively for each Term.

Sheriffs' Accounts, Constables, and Transcripts

contain the full entries of Sheriffs' Accounts, the earlier of which entries are in Latin. There are gaps from 1602 to 1663, and 1698 to 1706.

Sheriffs' Debts.

The entries in these, which give the dates of the Debt and Acquit-

Informations by the Attorney-General, orders on, . . .	1736-62
Informations against the Corporation of Derry, . . .	1687
Inquisition on the attainder of Lord Edward FitzGerald and others, . . .	1779-1803
Inquisitions and fragments from Chief Remembrancers' series, . . .	1801
Inquisitions on Chief Remembrancers' Process, . . .	Henry VIII. to William III.
Inquisitions, Clare, . . .	7-9 William III.
Inquisitions, Commission Book for, . . .	William III.
Inquisitions (Negative) to Comptroller, . . .	From James I.
Inquisitions at Sessions (Roll of) Ulster, . . .	1778-92
Inquisitions, Ulster, . . .	James I.
Inrolments, . . .	15-16 James I.
Issue Papers, . . .	1786
Judgments, Book of reference to, . . .	1803-9
Judgment, dockets for, . . .	1825-30
Justices of the Peace, Book of, . . .	1626-36
Jurors, Affidavits of, . . .	1687
King's Letters, Entry Book of, and Orders of Lord Lieutenant and Council, . . .	1800-35
King's Letters, Entry Book of, . . .	1660-3
Kerry; Pleadings before, and Adjudications by, Commissioners in, . . .	1614-19
Liberate Roll, . . .	1592
Limerick Lots, a roll containing the Decree of the Commissioners, applotting the Limerick Lot among Trustees of the '49 officers, . . .	9-11 Edward III.
M'Donnell, Alexander, Particular of Lands in Antrim for, . . .	
M'Namara, John, Decree of Innocency, . . .	1663
Maps (a few), . . .	
Meath, Monaghan, and Carlow, Particular of Lands in, . . .	1640-1815
Nugent, Christopher, Particular of Lands of, . . .	1695-6
O'Connyll, Rental of, . . .	31 Henry VI.
Orders on Attorney-Generals' Informations, . . .	1736-62
Orders, Discharging and other, . . .	1779-1827
Orders, Notes of (Rough Book), 21st February, 1828; 5th June, 1829, . . .	1720-78
Orders in "Qui Tam" Actions, . . .	1674-98
Orders, Entry Book of Special, with Petitions, &c., . . .	
Orders (Supplemental) of the Commissioners for executing the Acts of Settlement and Explanation, . . .	
Outlawries, Part of Book of Issues on, . . .	1618-28
Outlawries, Certificates of reversal of, . . .	1738-99
Petitions to Barons, . . .	Chas. II. to Geo. I.
Petition of Lieutenant-General Stuart and Lady Grandison to Her Majesty, . . .	1703-4
Pipe Roll, . . .	10 Henry IV.
Plea Roll, . . .	4-19 James I.
" King's Bench, . . .	1 Henry VII.
" " . . .	Henry VIII.
" " . . .	James I.
" Police Constables, Affidavits of, . . .	1827-35
Popery Laws, Note Book of causes in the Exchequer relating to, . . .	1726

Precedent Books (2).

Precedent Book,	1764
Pursuivants' Affidavits of rescue,	1793-1818
Pursuivants' Fees, due by Sheriffs,	1794-1806
Pursuivants' List of Tr. Rem. Process,	1683-1804
Pursuivants' Receipts from Sheriffs for Process,	1806-1820
Receipt Roll,	23 Edward I.
"	30 Edward I.
Recognizances forfeited,	1788-1821
Recognizance Roll,	23-30 Elizabeth
Renewals of Treasurers' and Sheriffs' Processes, 1806-20 ; and Fee Book of Constables, 1806-20 ; Rough Book containing,	
Rent, Book of Arrears of Quit and Crown, Kilkenny and Wexford,	1662-83
Rent, Book of Arrears of Quit and Crown,	1663-70
" " " " " "	1676-83
" " " " " "	1702
Rent, Schedule of Arrears of, Carlow,	1659
Rents, Book of Fee-Farm, due to the Lord Protector,	1656
Rents, Commission to John Latham to collect Crown,	29 Charles II.
Repertory of Communia Enrolments,	1628-86
Repertory of Enrolments (Deeds),	1770-1835
Repertory to Rolls and Inquisitions,	Henry IV. to James I.
Reports (Auditor, Surveyor-General, &c.),	1726-47
Reports from Attorney, Solicitor, Auditor, and Sur- veyor-General,	1691-1747
Report (Auditor-General) for Mr. Fielding,	1704-5
Reports and Accounts, Auditor and Surveyor-Generals',	
Reports to Barons,	1676-81
Report (Clerk of the Pipe's) of the Duke of York's Custodians,	1677-8
Revenue, Book of,	1592
Rule Book in the Exchequer Chamber,	1675-6
Rules and Practice, Book of, and Rough Note Book, {	June, 1760 ; August, 1764
Scire Facias, Lists of,	1796
Sheriffs, Lists of,	1781-1809
Sheriffs who have paid their Tots, Lists of,	1715-89
Sheriffs' Accounts, Book of,	1639-1644
Sheriffs' Accounts, Commissions to take, co. Galway,	1729
Sheriffs' Accounts, Meath,	1844-8
Sheriffs' Accounts, Westmeath,	1845-7
Sheriffs' Accounts, Dates of settling,	1800-35
Sheriffs' Acquittances, Clerk of Pipe's Book of,	1680-94
Sheriffs, Affidavits of,	1826-35
Sheriffs Bailiffs' Affidavits,	1817-35
Sheriffs of Carrickfergus (Certificates of outlay by) that they received no Crown Rent,	1724-47
Sheriffs sworn to Account, Chief Remembrancers' Cer- tificates of,	1825-35
Sheriffs, Defaulters, Lists of,	1801-35
Sheriffs who have not Accounted, Lists of,	1800-30
Sheriffs' Names, Book of,	1714-1823
Sheriffs' Notices of their Apposal,	1830-35
Sheriffs' Receipts for Process,	1806-20

Sheriffs' Returns of fit persons to serve as Sheriffs,	1776-85
Sheriffs' Summaries,	1823-4
Sub-Sheriffs' Recognizances,	1717
Sub-Sheriffs' Recognizances,	1737-80
Subsidy Rolls,	18 Henry VII.
Subsidy Rolls,	13 James I.
Temple, Sir John, Particular of Lands in Tipperary for,	1664
Treasurers' Roll,	1 Edward III.
Treasurers' Roll,	16 Richard II.
Warrants,	1695-7
Warrants of Attorney,	1800-7
Warrants, Orders, &c., Entries of,	1658-60
Writs,	1820-45
Writs issued, Account of, 1803; and Receipts for Writs, Queen's County, 1803 (Rough Book containing).	
Writs of Appraisement and Inquisition,	1720-34
Writs of Distringas for Arrears of Homage,	1682
Writs, &c., Precedents of.	
Writs, Precedent Book of.	
Writs of Seizure and Inquisition,	1662-1798
Westmeath, Particular of Lands in.	
Wolsely, —, Particular of Lands of.	
York, Particular made out for James, Duke of,	1663

I beg to express my thanks to Messrs. Mills and Berry for the able assistance they afforded me throughout this very tedious and onerous work.

APPENDIX No. 10.

Public Record Office,

Dublin, 29th January, 1869.

SIR,—In prospect of the removal of the Records from the Custom House to the Public Record Office, I beg leave to ask your Honor's attention to the special course of duty observed at the late Landed Estates Record Office at the time of the coming into operation of the Public Records (Ireland) Act, 1867, and in which course of practice, pending the removal of the collection, your Honor has not yet seen fit to direct any change.

The special duties in question appear to have devolved on the Landed Estates Record Office as representing the former office of Auditor General.

The office of Auditor General was abolished, and its duties transferred to the Office of Vice-Treasurer by Treasury Minutes of 19th July, 1822, and 14th July, 1825, under the general powers given by Act 3rd, George IV., cap. 56.

The office of Vice-Treasurer was abolished, and its duties transferred to the Office of Paymaster of Civil Services by Treasury Warrant of 15th May, 1837, under Act 6 & 7, William IV., cap. 83.

The Record branch of the Office of Paymaster of Civil Services was converted into the late Landed Estates Record Office by Treasury Minute of 5th February, 1861.

The duties observed in the successive departments consist in making Records and in giving special information to Government Departments and otherwise by way of Reports and Constata.

I. *Making Records*.—In pursuance of a Queen's Letter of 10th Elizabeth, all grants and leases appertaining to the Land Revenue of Ireland, including patents for fairs and markets, were enrolled in the office of Auditor General, and like enrolments have since continued to be made in the several departments representing that office, and are still made by Mr. Day.

The practice has also been to enrol all grants of offices, and to give certificates of the enrolments, which are the Paymasters Generals vouchers to the Exchequer and Audit Office for their payments under the respective grants. This latter class of enrolments appears superfluous, as being merely duplicates of entries on the Rolls of Chancery.

It has also been the practice in every case of the purchase of a Quit or Crown rent, under the Acts 38, George III., and 10, George III., cap. 50, to enter the item of reduction or extinguishment in the Crown rental, which entry is matter of record.

II. *Reports*.—The Officers of the Quit Rent Branch of the Department of Woods and Forests have been in the habit of addressing requisitions to the several officers having custody of the Crown Rentals, desiring to be informed of the title of the Crown to particular hereditaments. In complying with these requisitions, Mr. Hardinge, the late Keeper, and Mr. Day, who, on the 1st January, 1868, became an Officer of this Department, and in whose charge the collection now is, have been in the habit (and that so frequently as to constitute a principal part of their occupation) of furnishing Reports in the nature of statements of title, and in some instances of advising and expressing opinions for the guidance of querists.

III. *Constats*.—"The Constat from the Auditor General of a charge on lands is deemed a sufficient finding of the King's title to supply the want of an office" (1 Howard Eq. Ex. 318). These Constats are still given under the hand of Mr. Day, and are received and acted on by the Landed Estates Court as well as by private parties in matters of title.

The Public Records (Ireland) Act, 1867, makes no provision for the discharge of any duty by this Department beyond that of keeping Records and giving certified copies. There does not appear to be any further duty by implication arising on the custody of the Records, save so far as the 10 George IV., cap. 50, s. 70, imposes on the custodians of the Twopenny Books the obligation of receiving and giving certified copies of Conveyances of the Land Revenue.

I respectfully submit to your Honor that steps should be taken to enable the several Public Departments concerned to prepare for the performance of those duties by their own officers, as, after the concentration of the Records here, there will neither be hands nor, as I apprehend, authority for further continuing these services by the Officers of this Department.

I remain,

Your Honor's obedient servant,

(Signed)

SAMUEL FERGUSON,

Deputy Keeper of the Records.

The Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls.

OBSERVATIONS of the RIGHT HON. JOHN E. WALSH, Master of the Rolls, on the foregoing.

I. It appears to me that the Record Office does not represent any branch of the Auditor's Office to which the Queen's Letter (10 Eliz.) refers. Neither enrolments of Crown Grants, nor of leases of lands, nor of patents, nor of grants of offices can be legally made there.

But as regards duplicates of deeds or instruments which are required by the Stat. 10, Geo. IV., c. 50, sects. 70, 71, to be transmitted by the Commissioners of Woods and Forests to remain of record among the original Crown rentals, I see no reason why they should not be still transmitted to the Record Office and entered in a proper index, and certified copies given of them at the rate of fees specified in that Act—and, as I understand the 72nd section of that Act, it dispenses with the necessity of any enrolment or registry elsewhere of deeds which fall within it. So also as regards the books containing entries of receipts of Crown rents in continuation of the "Twopenny Books," they may be returned to this office, which, it appears to me, would be a compliance with the 88th section of 10 George IV., c. 50. A similar direction is found in the prior repealed statutes (e.g. 7 & 8, Geo. IV., c. 68, sect. 8), and I presume there is a series of these books which will be transferred to the office. The only difficulty in continuing the return by making it thus arises from its being directed to be "on oath," which the Deputy Keeper could not administer; but whatever officer was in the habit of administering the oath when the returns were made to the former Land Record Office can, I presume, still administer it.

As to rents extinguished or sold under the Stat. 38, Geo. III., c. 72, and the several Acts amending it, up to and including the Stat. 3, Geo. IV., c. 68, the certificates of extinguishments or sales given under these statutes could be enrolled only in the Auditor's Office. I do not think that the Record Office represents that department in any sense which would authorize such enrolments to be now made there. But as all these Acts are repealed by the 1st section of the 7 & 8 Geo. IV., c. 68, and that Act also is repealed by the 10 Geo. IV., c. 50, I do not see how any enrolments can now be required to be made under any of the prior Acts. Copies of the documents directed by these Acts to be enrolled in the Auditor's Office are by them respectively made evidence; but as the collection is now transferred to the new office, there can be no difficulty in giving such copies, which will still be evidence.

II. The course here mentioned, though a very proper one while the Land Record Office existed as a branch of the departments representing the Vice-Treasurer's office, appears to me quite unsuited to the arrangements of the new Record Office. In pursuance of the directions already given (allowing the former practice to be continued until further order), Mr. Day was quite right in discharging these duties for the present, but, in my opinion, they are such as ought not to be undertaken by any officer of the Record Office, and should cease as soon as provision can be made for discontinuing them without inconvenience to the public service. Steps will be immediately taken with this object.

III. The giving of these certificates called "Constats"; is open to a similar objection. The weight formerly attached to them, as being issued by the Auditor-General, cannot attach to them when issued from the Record office. Their value can rest only on the presumed accuracy and care of the officer who gives them in making a search.

Undertaking the responsibility of agents or officers for making such inquiries, appears to me quite foreign to the duties of the Record De-

partment as now constituted. Copies of, or extracts from, the documents on which such certificates are founded, can be given, and every facility should of course, be afforded for finding them. I will communicate with the Judges of the Landed Estates Court, as to what would be the best substitute for the present practice.

APPENDIX No. 11.

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
13th January, 1870.

SIR,—In acknowledging the receipt of your communication of 30th December last, addressed to the Architect, and forwarding the keys of the late Landed Estates Record office, I am directed by the Board to convey to you their marked thanks for your attention in expediting the removal of the documents to the Public Record Repository, and their acknowledgments for affording them so much facility in this matter, which has conduced much to the benefit of the Public Service.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

(Signed), E. HORNSBY, Secretary.

S. Ferguson, esq., LL.D., Q.C., &c., &c.,
Public Record Office.

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